

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia 2025 High School Academic Scholarship

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia High School Academic Scholarship recognizes as many as two graduating high school seniors who possess excellent academic records and meet the additional criteria listed below. The 2025 scholarship is a one-time award of \$1000 for each recipient.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. An applicant must be a legal resident of one of the following counties in the state of Georgia: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, or Twiggs.
2. An applicant must be a candidate for graduation from high school in the current academic year and must have a grade point average (GPA) at or above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must have applied to, or been accepted at, an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (university, college, technical college, etc.) **located within the United States** for the upcoming academic year. The applicant must also be enrolled as a full-time student at that institution by Fall Semester 2025.
3. Although not a requirement, preference will be given to an applicant who has participated in 4-H, Future Farmers of America, or related organized activities, during high school and who is planning to major in a field of interest to Master Gardeners such as agriculture, biology, botany, ecology, environmental science, horticulture, landscape architecture or design, or a related field.
4. Applicants who have received any full scholarship that includes tuition, fees, room and board, etc. for one or more years are ineligible for this scholarship.

PROCEDURE:

A selection panel composed of members of the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia determines the award recipient(s) based on scholastic achievement (GPA; SAT and/or ACT scores; Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Honors/Dual Enrollment courses completed; and scholastic competitions, activities, and awards won), as well as the additional criteria listed under "Eligibility" above. Applicants must also complete a short personal statement outlining their educational and career goals. The scholarship recipients will be announced no later than May 12, 2025.

The applicant must provide **all** of the following:

1. Completed Part A of the application, signed in the appropriate places.
2. Copy of a current valid photo ID confirming legal residence within the state of Georgia and in one of the counties specified above ("Eligibility #1").
3. Typed listing of the following, divided by category:
 - a. Advanced Courses: List all Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, International Baccalaureate, and Honors courses completed from 9th grade to the present. If currently enrolled in such courses, list those as well.
 - b. Scholastic Competitions, Activities & Awards: List all scholastic competitions (science and engineering fairs, math competitions, social studies fairs, Future Farmers of America competitions, 4-H events, etc.) entered in high school and awards received. Please list

competitions, activities and award separately. Indicate the year(s) in which the applicant participated.

- c. National Honor Society and/or Beta Club: Indicate membership in National Honor Society (if applicable) and/or Beta Club (if applicable) and the number of years of membership. (If your school or school district does not participate in National Honor Society, please have your School Counselor indicate this when he/she fills out Part B of the application.)
4. Sealed and signed envelope containing Part B of the application, completed by the school counselor or registrar, and an official transcript of all courses taken through the applicant's first semester of the senior year. Please make sure the SAT/ACT scores are indicated if not included on your school's transcript.
5. A one-page letter of recommendation from a current or recent high school teacher or Dual Enrollment professor that discusses the quality of your work, your level of maturity, your interpersonal skills, and your potential for success in post-secondary studies. The letter must be signed and include the printed name, position, and current contact information of the writer. The writer must place the letter in an envelope, seal it and sign again across the seal before returning it to the applicant for inclusion in the application packet.
6. A typed personal statement of no more than 500 words outlining the applicant's educational and career goals.

The **entire** application (items 1-6 above) must be mailed or personally delivered in a single manila envelope, **and received no later than April 14, 2025**, to the following address:

**UGA Cooperative Extension, Houston County
MGCG Scholarship Committee (High School)
2030 Kings Chapel Road
Perry, GA 31069**

Note: Scholarship recipients will be announced no later than **May 12, 2025**. The award **must** be used within the **2025 – 2026 academic year** for educational expenses billed by the institution (tuition, fees, on-campus room and board, etc.). **The award money will be mailed directly to the recipient's school upon written verification of the recipient's full-time status.** It is the award recipient's responsibility to ensure that the MGCG Scholarship Committee receives this verification **postmarked as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, 2025**, before any money is paid. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the award.

Please email any questions to scholarships@mgcg.org. Place "HS Scholarship" in the subject line.

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PART A

To be completed by the **applicant and parent/legal guardian**. Please print clearly or type.

1. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County of Residence: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School attending: _____ Date of graduation: _____

2. Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that this scholarship is based primarily on high school **scholastic achievement** (GPA and SAT/ACT scores; Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Honors courses completed; and scholastic competitions, activities and awards won) and the additional criteria listed under "Eligibility." During the academic year 2025-2026, the applicant must be a full-time student at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (university, college, or technical college) located within the United States. All information contained in this application and all supporting documents are truthful and accurate. Any willful misrepresentation or falsification of facts will make the applicant ineligible to receive any Master Gardeners of Central Georgia scholarship in this or any subsequent year.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Both signatures are required

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PART B

To be completed by the **high school counselor or registrar**. Please print or type.

Name of Student: _____

Cumulative GPA (on 4.0 scale) through first semester of 2024-2025: _____

SAT and/or ACT Scores: (If this information is printed as a part of the student's official transcript that you are including with this Part B, you may so state rather than list the scores again in this space.)

Is the student a candidate for graduation during the 2024-2025 academic year? _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

E-mail address

School Phone Number

Note: Please place the most recent official transcript of grades through first semester of the applicant's senior year and this completed form in an envelope. Seal the envelope, sign your name across the seal, and return the sealed envelope to the applicant for inclusion in the completed application packet. Thank you.

Application Packet Check-list

Before mailing your scholarship application, place an “x” in the space below to indicate that each required part of the application has been included in the envelope.

_____ Completed Part A, signed by both applicant and parent/legal guardian.

_____ Copy of current, valid photo ID to confirm county of residence.

_____ Typed list of Advanced Courses, Scholastic Competitions, Activities and Awards. (Procedure #3, page 1-2).

_____ Part B, completed by the school counselor, signed and enclosed with the most recent official transcript in a sealed envelope with the counselor’s signature across the seal. Please be sure to include SAT/ACT scores.

_____ Letter of Recommendation in sealed envelope with writer’s signature across the seal.

_____ Applicant’s typed personal statement of educational and career goals.

Include all of the above items and the check-list in a single large manila (or similar) envelope and mail it so that it is received no later than April 11, 2025. Packets will be opened as received and checked for completeness. **Incomplete applications will not be scored nor considered for a scholarship award!**