The Garden Club of York
Scholarship Application
School Year 2027-28

High school seniors or college students who meet the following criteria may apply for a $2000 scholarship through the Garden Club of York, located in York Pennsylvania.

- Major area of study must be one of the following: Biology (except pre-med), Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Architecture, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Land Management, Wildlife Sciences, Environmental Science, Rural/Urban Planning.
- Applicant must be a resident of York County, PA. They may be either high school seniors or college students who are enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at a 4-year college or university.
- Applicant must maintain high academic standing and have apparent need.

The following items must be included to complete the application process:

- Official academic transcript sent from student's high school. Note: if student has previously won our scholarship, the high school transcript is not necessary.
- If applicant is currently attending college, the most recent college transcript must also be included.
- Completed and signed financial need form. It is not necessary to use our form, but please make sure all requested information is included, so that we can get a true picture of your financial need, and that the form is signed by financial officer.
- A typed essay written by the applicant, signed and dated. Essay must be written within in the last year. It should address all the following key points:

    1. **Personal commitment to your course of study:** Explain how you became interested in your chosen field of study and what motivates you to pursue it.
    2. **Honors and achievements:** Highlight awards, recognitions, or accomplishments related to your field or to your interests outside of your field of study.
    3. **Special interests:** Share any personal interests or experiences that have influenced your life and/or academic or career path.
    4. **Goals:** Outline your short-term and long-term goals, both academically and professionally.
    5. **Financial need:** Briefly explain your financial need and how the scholarship will support your education.
    6. **Career aspirations:** Discuss your ultimate career goal and how this scholarship will help you achieve it.

- Three reference letters as listed on the application. Reference letters must be current. Students who are previous winners may not reuse the same letters. High school seniors and college freshmen should include a letter from a high school teacher or advisor. Older college students should include a letter from a college professor or advisor.
- At least one digital photograph of the applicant, casual and/or formal. If possible, include a head shot. These will be used for publicity purposes related to our scholarship program.

All questions should be directed to Linda Hanson, Scholarship Chair, at ldhgardens@aol.com, or 717-495-6046. Text messages are welcome.

The completed application packet should be submitted electronically as a pdf file to Linda Hanson at ldhgardens@aol.com.

Deadline for submission is March 1, 2027.

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Full Name_____Date of Birth_____
Complete Home Address_____
_____
Email_____Cell Phone _____
High School attended_____ Year of Graduation_____
Number of students in graduating class_____ Your rank_____ GPA_____
HS Academic honors_____
_____
Extracurricular activities in HS_____
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_____
Work experience during HS_____
_____
College attending this fall _____
Intended major and/or Department of enrollment_____

Complete the following if applicant is already in college:
Name of college_____
College Address_____
College Activities_____
_____
College Honors_____
College Work Experience_____
CUM GPA_____ Status this fall: Freshman___ Sophomore ___Junior___ Senior_____
Major _____ Minor _____
Degree seeking_____
Intended Career Path_____

Application References
A separate one-page reference letter is required for each.

1. Scholastic Reference (teacher, professor or advisor)
   Name and Position:_____
2. Character Reference
   Name and Position:_____
3. Financial or work-related Reference
   Name and Position:_____

Parental Information
Name of parent/s or guardian_____
Address_____
Phone #_____ Email_____
Occupation/s _____

The Garden Club of York—York Pennsylvania
Financial Need Form

This form should be completed by the Financial Aid Office of the college or university involved and by the student and must be signed by both parties.

Use the following form to show all the anticipated sources of funds, including other scholarships, as well as all projected costs involved for attending college in the 2026-27 school year. It is not required that projected resources and expenditures balance.
Please note: The deadline for submitting this form together with the other application materials is March 1, 2027.

Amounts of Anticipated Resources

Parent/relative:	$_____
Personal Savings:	$_____
Educational Insurance Policies:	$_____
School year earnings:	$_____
Grants/scholarships:	$_____
Loans:	$_____
Other:_____	$_____
Total funds available:	$ 0.00

Projected Expenditures

Tuition and fees:	$_____
Housing:	$_____
Board:	$_____
Books/Supplies:	$_____
Transportation:	$_____
Other: _____	$_____
Total Expenses:	$ 0.00

THIS WILL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY FINANCIAL NEED FORM to the Garden Club of York, PA, Scholarship Committee Chair Linda Hanson at ldhgardens@aol.com.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Financial Aid Officer: Name and Title _____

Financial Officer's signature _____Date _____

E-mail:_____ Phone# _____