



HILL COUNTRY MASTER GARDENERS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP IN HORTICULTURAL STUDIES 2016 – 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

PURPOSE:

Hill Country Master Gardeners, Inc. (HCMG), a non-profit, trained volunteer organization, a component of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, promotes volunteer education and service to the community. As part of our mission, HCMG is offering two \$2,000 scholarships in horticultural science for the 2016 – 2017 academic year. It is our intention to provide financial support to two undergraduate or graduate students at Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Tarleton State or Stephen F. Austin State Universities.

ADMINISTRATION:

General administration of the HCMG Scholarship is under the direction of the Scholarship Committee of HCMG, who will evaluate all scholarship applications. An interview may be required. Application is due by 31 May 2016. All applicants will be notified of selection decision by 30 June 2016.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant must:

1. Be pursuing a degree in the horticultural sciences.
2. Be a full-time student in one of the four Universities listed above. Full-time is defined as 12 hours for undergraduate and 9 hours for graduate students, or as defined by their University.
3. Be at Junior level (60 hours) or above, with at least a 3.0 GPA.
4. Be a Texas resident. Preference will be given to students who are residents of Kerr, Kendal, Gillespie and Bandera Counties. If none apply, then any student who meets all other criteria will be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Each award will be paid in two installments: \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester and \$1000 at the beginning of the spring semester. The recipient is required to maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and be a full-time student during each semester covered by the award. Proof that the recipient has met these standards will be required before the second semester scholarship installment is disbursed.

HCMG, Inc. reserves the right to withhold unpaid portions of the scholarship if the recipient fails to meet the requirements listed above. Recipients may apply for subsequent scholarships.





HILL COUNTRY MASTER GARDENERS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Complete the entire application form. All pages should be filled out completely.
- ◆ Attach at least **two typed or printed letters of recommendation**. One letter must be from an instructor. The other may be from a recent employer, club advisor, church leader or other qualified person, excluding family members.
- ◆ Attach college transcript in sealed envelope. The transcript must include your most recent semester.
- ◆ Return completed application and supporting documentation to:
Chairman, HCMG Scholarship Committee
Hill Country Master Gardeners, Inc.
P. O. Box 290464
Kerrville, TX 78029

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS 31 May 2016

PERSONAL DATA:

Name: _____
Current Address: _____
State: _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Have you ever been a member of 4-H or FFA at any time? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, describe your involvement: _____

If you personally know a member of the HCMG, include name. _____

If asked to give a written or oral horticulture or related presentation to the HCMG, would you accept? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, give a brief description of your presentation: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

_____ Two Year College _____ Four Year College
_____ Graduate School _____ Five Year Program

Name of school attending in the fall 2012 _____

Transfer Students: Have you been formally accepted to this school? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please include a copy of acceptance letter.

Major: _____ Proposed major or formally declared? _____

Minor or area of specialization: _____



Year currently in school: ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Fifth Year ____ Graduate Student
 How many years in college? ____ Expected date of graduation ____
 Total number of college hours completed ____ Number of hours currently carrying ____
 Overall Grade Point Average ____ Grade Point Average of major ____

Please list all the colleges you have attended:

College/University	Date Attended	Degree	GPA

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:

Please list any civic awards, honors, scholarships or involvement in community service. You may also attach photographs of any horticultural or landscape project you designed or participated in, if you desire.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

List all your work experiences, whether or not they are related to your chosen field. You may attach a resume.

Employer	Job Duties	Dates



Please state in 500 words or less your occupational goals. Include any background in horticultural related areas you feel is relevant.

Statement of Goals:

Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts cooperating.