

**Master GardenerSM Volunteer Association
Scholarship Committee Guidelines:**

1. Applicants must be McDowell County Residents.
2. Applicants must be accepted by the college of their choice.
3. Priority will be given to applicants majoring in horticulture, agriculture, or a closely related field.
4. Applicants can be graduating seniors or students currently enrolled in a college program.
5. The award of the scholarship will be based on scholastic achievement, seriousness of purpose and probability of success. Financial need will be considered but *will not* be required for the award.
6. One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1000 or two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$750 each will be awarded annually. Whether to award one or two scholarships each year will be at the discretion of the committee upon review of the applications.
7. All applications are to be received by deadline and awarded before the high school graduation date.
8. The Scholarship Committee will meet immediately after the deadline to make their *recommendation to the MG Board*. The scholarship winner may be invited to the May or June Master GardenerSM Volunteer Association meeting.
9. Scholarship awards will be coordinated with and made payable to the financial aid officer of the school to be attended.



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**EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER SM VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION
2023 Scholarship Application**

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be McDowell County residents or have attended McDowell County schools and must have been accepted in an accredited school program.

Scholarships shall be awarded based upon this application and an interview with the applicant (if deemed necessary) by the Extension Master Gardener SM Volunteer Association Scholarship Committee. Priority will be given to applicants majoring in the field of agricultural sciences.

One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 or, if two applicants qualify, there will be two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$750 each awarded . Whether to award one or two scholarships each year will be at the discretion of the committee upon review of the applicants.

You must complete the sections of this application and forward it to the person you have selected to complete the Applicant Appraisal form. You may select a teacher, an employer, a job supervisor, or any other person who is in a position to evaluate you according to the criteria given.

You are also responsible for collecting and submitting all supporting documents listed on the Application Checklist on the last page of the application. This application becomes valid only when it and all supporting documents have been received. The Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteer Association Scholarship Committee reserves the right to process only those applications found to be complete as of the application deadline.

Applications must be submitted and received no later than May 8, 2023

Please submit the complete application to:

**Molly Sandfoss, NC State Extension Office ,McDowell County, 60 E. Court St,
Marion, NC 28752**

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution for which the applicant's scholarship is awarded.

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I. Personal Data

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone:	Birth Date:
Mobile Phone:	Email:
School:	
Expected Graduation Date:	Occupation of parents:
	Number of Siblings:
GPA on a 4.0 scale:	Class Rank
List academic awards or honors.	
College you plan to attend or are attending:	
Applied:	Accepted:
Please list other Scholarships or Financial Aid already awarded:	
Intended Major:	
SAT Score:	
AP Courses Taken:	

State your plans for your education, career, and future goals. (Additional pages may be included.)

II. Extracurricular Data

School Activities: Please detail your participation in school-sponsored activities, for example, student government, sports, music, clubs, etc. (Additional pages may be included.)

Activity	Grades	Positions Held	Honors or Awards

Civic and Community Activities: Please detail all community activities in which you have participated without pay; for example, volunteer work, clubs, sports, hobbies, etc. (Additional pages may be included.)

Activity	Grades	Positions Held	Honors or Awards

Work Experience: Please describe your paid work experience.

Employer / Position	From (mo./ yr.)	To (mo./ yr.)	Hours per week

Applicant Appraisal

Applicant Name _____ School _____

This appraisal should be completed by a person of authority (school, community, church, etc.) who knows you and your accomplishments well.

	Excellent Poor	Good	Fair	
The Applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability.				
The Applicant's demonstration of curiosity and initiative.				
The Applicant's ability to seek, find and use learning resources.				
The Applicant's problem-solving skills and ability to follow through to completion.				
The Applicant's commitment to school and /or community.				
The Applicant's respect for self and others				
The Applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals.				
The appropriateness of the Applicant's choice of post-secondary education institution.				

Please tell us a few things that make this applicant stand out:

Appraiser information:

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Appraiser's Name _____

Title _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____