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The Purdue Extension Master Gardeners Program trains gardening enthusiasts as volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in Indiana communities. Purdue Extension Master Gardeners are "Helping Others Grow!" The Program provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants volunteer and help others grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities. To promote gardening education, the Master Gardeners of Montgomery County Club is pleased to announce the establishment of a scholarship for Montgomery County residents.

The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County are looking for students who are pursuing a higher education degree in some area related to agriculture, horticulture, or plant sciences at an accredited Indiana college or university. Students at any level may apply for a \$500 scholarship to assist them with their college expenses. A copy of the application is attached.

Applications must be returned no later than April 8, 2024.

Completed applications are to be returned to the Montgomery County Extension Office, 400 Parke Ave., Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

For more details about the scholarship, contact Nancy Bowes at nbowesslp@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bowes
The Scholarship Award Committee
Master Gardeners of Montgomery County



MASTER GARDENERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024

BACKGROUND

The Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program trains gardening enthusiasts as volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in Indiana communities. Purdue Extension Master Gardeners are "Helping Others Grow!" Extension Master Gardeners volunteer and help others grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their local communities. To promote gardening education, the Master Gardeners of Montgomery County Association is pleased to offer a \$500 scholarship for Montgomery County residents.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND DESCRIPTION

- The applicant must be a resident of Montgomery County.
- The applicant must be attending an accredited Indiana college or university, including junior colleges. This may be at any level, undergraduate or graduate.
- The applicant must be pursuing a degree in some area related to horticulture or plant sciences (e.g. botany, horticulture, agriculture, landscape design, plant breeding, floriculture, forestry, ecology, and others)
- The scholarship is not automatically renewable, but a previous recipient may reapply each year.
- The award recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500, payable directly to the student after showing proof of enrollment.
- If possible, the scholarship recipient may be asked to share about their studies at a Montgomery County Master Gardener Club meeting.
- Completed applications should be received at the following address no later than April 7, 2024. Selection and notification of the award winner will be made no later than May 31, 2024.

Master Gardeners of Montgomery County
 ATTN: Scholarship Committee
 Purdue Extension – Montgomery County
 400 Parke Ave
 Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933

Name _____ Phone number _____

Permanent residence address (must be in Montgomery County)

Email address _____



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ESSAY

1. On a separate sheet of paper attached to this application, write a short essay (500 words or less) that includes the following points:
 - What are your plant-science/horticulture field of study higher education goals (e.g. major/minor/program)?
 - Describe how/why you became interested in this field of study.
 - Share how you anticipate using your degree/certification upon completion of your studies.

TRANSCRIPT

2. Attach a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript to this application.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CHOICE (must be in Indiana)

3. What college or university will you be attending or have you applied to? If you are undecided, please list those to which you have applied.

Indiana accredited College or university	Status (applied/accepted/attending)	Classification fall of 2024 (e.g. freshman, junior, graduate student, etc.)

FINANCIAL NEED

4. Do your college expenses create a financial hardship for you or your family? If yes, please give a brief explanation of the circumstances. If you need more room, attach another sheet of paper.
