



Barney Hobbs Memorial Horticulture Scholarship Application Deadline March 15, 2017

The Master Gardener Program, sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, is a volunteer training program whose purpose is to educate the community about gardening and horticulture related topics. In keeping with this purpose, the Hamilton County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) awards annually the Barney Hobbs Memorial Horticultural Scholarship. Barney Hobbs was a founding member of the HCMGA who possessed a strong volunteer spirit. Scholarships in the amount of \$3000 each pay tribute to Mr. Hobbs and his many horticultural accomplishments.

Eligibility Requirements

- Hamilton County resident or child/grandchild of a HCMGA member
- High school senior, full-time undergraduate, or advanced degree college student
- Intent to major or currently majoring in horticulture or a related subject such as botany or landscape architecture/design

Terms of Scholarship

- Five scholarships will be awarded on a yearly basis in June and will be paid directly to the recipient's college at the beginning of the school year
- \$3,000 will be awarded for each one-year scholarship with \$1500 paid per semester upon verification of proof of full-time enrollment. The recipient will be expected to provide an update of his academic standing to the HCMGA within the first ten days of each new semester.
- Any unused portion of the scholarship award will be returned to the HCMGA scholarship fund at the end of the school year
- Scholarships can be renewed for up to 3 years (4 years when enrolled in a 5-year degree program) if the student reapplies and meets the criteria for renewal as listed below
- Award of scholarships will be without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, or disability
- Award of scholarships will be based on merit only. Demonstration of financial need will not be a determining factor

Criteria for Submission

- A completed application that includes the following:
- An official high school transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for high school applicants
- Or an official college transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 and full-time status (12 credit hours minimum) for college applicants.
- An essay of no more than 500 words detailing your reasons for choosing horticulture or a related major, career objectives and any current or past gardening experiences
- A personal recommendation from either an instructor, counselor, club advisor, church leader or an employer
- Above items must be submitted by **March 15, 2017** to the Hamilton County Extension Office

Judging Considerations

- A scholarship committee of the HCMGA will review all applications and select recipients based on the following criteria:
- Academic performance (25%)
- Essay (25%)
- Personal recommendation (25%)
- Character, personality, and leadership as reflected in school, community, or work activities and awards (25%)
- Applicants may be requested to interview with the scholarship committee

Criteria for Renewal

- A completed renewal application that includes the following:
- An official college transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 and full-time student status (minimum of 12 credit hours)
- An essay of no more than 500 words outlining what you have accomplished over the past year to further your goals in your chosen field of horticultural study
- Above items must be submitted by **March 15, 2017** to the Hamilton County Extension Office.

Applications are available at the Hamilton County Extension Office or can be downloaded from the Master Gardener's website at www.hcmga.org.

Hamilton County Extension Office
2003 East Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-3697
317-776-0854



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This scholarship is worth \$3,000 per year and is renewable for up to five years with annual application.

Please read each section of the application carefully and completely. Print legibly in ink or type.
Attach any additional pages as necessary.

Part I: Personal Information

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

College ID # if applicable _____

Address of College Bursar or Financial office _____

Names' of parents or guardian _____

Parent's address (if different) _____

Name of school currently attending _____

Name of school attending next year _____

Intended major(s)/minor(s) _____

High school/college/community awards _____

High school/college/community activities _____

Employment _____

Part II: Essay

Attach an essay of no more than 500 words detailing your reasons for choosing horticulture or related major, career objectives, and any current or past gardening experiences.

Part III: Personal Recommendation

Attach a letter of recommendation from either an instructor, counselor, club advisor, church leader or an employer.

Part IV: Official School Transcript

High school applicants must attach an official high school transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. College applicants must attach an official college transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 and full-time student status (12 credit hours minimum). Be sure to contact your school early to ensure timely receipt of your transcript.

Certification of Application Information

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that the essay was composed entirely by me. I realize that this application will not be processed if it is not complete and submitted with ALL required information and in the time period listed below. I hereby give the HCMGA Scholarship Committee permission to use the information provided on this application for public recognition.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

Please return your completed application and all supporting materials postmarked or time stamped no later than midnight March 15,2017 to:

Hamilton County Extension Office
Attn: Barney Hobbs Scholarship Committee
2003 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

No application placed in the Extension Office Drop box will be considered.