



THE GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND

Arthur Steinmetz & Milan Busta Scholarship Fund

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

THE GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND will award a minimum of \$1,500 apiece scholarships to some graduating high school seniors or college students in the Greater Cleveland area this 2025-2026 academic year. Applicants must have been enrolled in a horticulture program or exhibited substantial involvement in horticulture inside or outside of high school and intend to pursue a 2-year or 4-year college degree in horticulture or a closely related field in the “green industry” during the 2026-2027 college academic year.

Criteria for entering the competition for the scholarships are:

1. Students must have attained a 2.5 grade point average by the end of the first semester of the year they are applying.
2. At the time of the application, students must have been accepted by a college to major in horticulture, landscape architecture, or a closely related field in the “green industry.”
3. Scholarship money received should be used for college expenses such as tuition, room, board, and books to further the student’s education.

Applications for a scholarship must be received no later than 7:00 PM, **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-May. The details of the award ceremony for the recipients, their parents and teachers will be held at our regularly scheduled June meeting.

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, began awarding scholarships in 2003 and intends to continue the awards on an annual basis. The money provided for these scholarships is raised by the club through plant sales, auctions, member contributions, and memorial gifts on behalf of deceased members of the club.

The application form is in Microsoft Word format so that students can download the application and edit it with their information. A current transcript and letters of recommendation must be included when applications are submitted. All parts of the application should be typed (or written in black ink) so that pages are legible when copied for distribution to our Scholarship Committee for evaluation. Interviews may be conducted by Zoom or in person.

For further information, contact our committee chair:

Ed Tuhela: edtuhela@gmail.com or (440) 248-4581

The completed application must be saved to a PDF file and a copy submitted electronically to Ed Tuhela at edtuhela@gmail.com,

or mailed to: Gardeners of Greater Cleveland
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