

## 2017 Memphis Area Master Gardener Scholarship

The Memphis Area Master Gardeners Association is offering (3) \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors and previous recipients interested in careers in agriculture, environmental sciences, horticulture, landscape architecture and related fields.

Requirements to qualify for the MAMG scholarship are as follows:

- Applicants must be a graduating senior or past scholarship recipient and a primary resident of Shelby County.
- High School applicants must be graduating seniors interested in postsecondary education in agriculture, environmental sciences, horticulture, landscape architecture and related fields.
- Applicants must provide an acceptance letter from their intended community college, college, or university.
- College applicants must provide transcripts as proof of current enrollment in a field applicable to the scholarship.
- High school applicants must provide a high school transcript with GPA, Sat and /or ACT test results.
- Children of major donors to MAMG are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- The scholarship will go directly to the student's school of choice upon enrollment.
- Student must provide contact information for the school's financial aid office including the student's ID for the school.
- Age is not a criterion.
- Applicants must present two letters of recommendation. Letters may be from either a guidance counselor, agriculture/horticulture teacher, college department advisor or an employer.

A 300-500 word essay is required, including the following information:

1. Your education and academic achievements.
2. Why you are applying for this scholarship.
3. Groups or organizations in which you are or you have been an active member.
4. What role you have played in being a leader in your school or community.
5. Your volunteer service.
6. Your plans for your future education and career choice.

Applicant must be willing to be interviewed by the scholarship selection committee.

Recipient will be asked to perform 10 hours of community service for the Shelby County University of Tennessee/Tennessee State University Extension within 12 months of receipt of the scholarship.

College recipient must demonstrate 10 hours of volunteer work in the appropriate field of study in the last calendar year.

A scholarship committee will receive and review applications. Deadline for applications is March 14, 2017. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2017. Scholarship recipient will attend the one evening Master Gardener Meeting to receive the scholarship