2018 Cass County Master Gardeners
Horticulture Scholarship Application

The Cass County, Iowa Master Gardeners (CCMG) are offering a $1,000 scholarship. This scholarship is available to students who are graduating seniors or graduates of any of the following Iowa school districts, in which currently reside members of CCMG: Atlantic, Audubon, AHSTW, Clarinda, CAM, Exira-EHK, Griswold, Harlan, Red Oak or Riverside.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide post-secondary funds to individuals who are studying, or intend to pursue a career in, a horticulture-related field.

Procedure – Applications are due April 27, 2018 to the Cass County Extension Office, 805 W 10th St, Atlantic, Iowa 50022, or emailed to keolson@iastate.edu. A scholarship check will be issued in the student's name directly to the college or university upon receipt of an official grade transcript upon completion of the Fall 2018 semester. A previous scholarship recipient may re-apply, but may only receive a total of two scholarships from this program.

Selection Criteria – The goal of the Master Gardener program is to support horticulture education and community service. The scholarship winner will be selected based upon academic success, history of community service, and career goals. Demonstration of interest in horticulture is very helpful. Quality and completeness of application will be considered. (Selection NOT made on financial need).

Please provide the following information:

Full name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone contact: _____ Email address: _____

High school attended: _____ Year of graduation: _____

College attending: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

College major: _____

Please discuss and attach the following in no more than two pages:

1. What is your current program of study (include name of college, major and minors) and in what way is it related to horticulture?
2. Please describe your interest in horticulture and tell us how you became interested in this as a career path.
3. In what ways have you been involved in your community or community service projects during your time in high school and college?
4. Describe your involvement in horticulture, including classes you have taken, FFA or 4H horticulture projects, and any community service in horticulture.
5. Explain your future goals and plans.

Please also provide: a recent grade transcript, two letters of recommendation, and (for graduating seniors) your college acceptance letter.