2022 Cass County Master Gardeners
Horticulture Scholarship Application

The Cass County, Iowa Master Gardeners (CCMG) are offering a $1,000 horticulture scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide post-secondary funds to individuals who are studying, and intend to pursue a career in, a horticulture-related field. This scholarship is available to students who are graduating seniors in any of the following Iowa school districts, in which currently reside members of CCMG: Atlantic, Clarinda, CAM, Exira-EHK, Griswold, or Red Oak. This scholarship is also available to graduates, of any age, of any of these school districts.

Procedure – Applications are due April 1, 2022 to the Cass County Extension Office, 805 W 10th St, Atlantic, Iowa 50022, or emailed to keolson@iastate.edu. The recipient will be notified of the award on or before May 20, 2022. A scholarship check will be issued in January 2023, in the student's name directly to the academic institution, upon receipt of an official grade transcript for the completed Fall 2022 semester. A previous scholarship recipient may re-apply, but an individual 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 horticulture-related career goals. Demonstration of interest in horticulture, and quality and completeness of application will be considered. (Financial need is NOT a criterion.)

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 or intended program of study (include name of college, major and minors) and in what way is it related to horticulture? (ex. landscape, city planning, food production, environment, education, etc.)
2. Please describe your interest in horticulture and tell us how you became interested in this as a career path.
3. Describe your involvement in horticulture, including classes you have taken, FFA or 4H horticulture projects, personal gardening endeavors, and any community service in horticulture.
4. In what other ways have you been involved in your community or community service projects during your time in high school, college, and/or career?
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.