

The Winchendon Garden Club

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Scholarship Application

There are no application fees and we welcome any individual (any age) who is a resident of Winchendon, MA or are the immediate family of a Winchendon Garden Club member to apply. All disclosed information will remain private. **Application deadline April 30, 2026.**

Please be as thorough as possible when submitting required documents as this is the criteria used to evaluate each applicant. Read the attached Instructions & Guidelines to guide you through the application process (beneficial documents include transcripts, letters of recommendation; achievement awards, membership affiliations, community/volunteer services) and any information you may feel pertinent for our review. Include a one page letter expressing your desire to go into a field related to Environmental Protection/cultivation. We pay special attention to applicants who have a personal ambition to give back to our community.

First & Last Name

Address

Email

Telephone #

Current School +/-or occupation Name and Address

Current Scholastic Level (GPA)+/or equivalent credentials)

School of choice and letter of acceptance

Contact Information (name, address, tel. of Finance dept.)

Major/Career Interests

Application deadline April 30th, 2026 (must be postmarked no later than this date)

Mail to: The Winchendon Garden Club Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 32

Winchendon, MA 01475

*The Winchendon Garden Club wishes you the best in your career as you move forward in life! Sincerely,
President Linda Dellasanta, Tel. 978-297-1051*

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Scholarship Instructions & Guidelines

The Winchendon Garden Club (WGC) believes in rewarding those who have demonstrated achievements in community services. To do so, a scholarship is to be granted to qualified achievers who have demonstrated a high commitment to beautify the Town of Winchendon with standards set by the Club's members.

Details of the Award

- **\$2,000 has been appropriated to be awarded for scholarships in 2026.**
- A One-year scholarship is available to an individual pursuing a career related to the protection and cultivation of our environment *see examples below*.
- College/university/training programs must be accredited and listed on the official website of the U.S. Department of Education <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a US Citizen and Legal Resident of Winchendon, Massachusetts of the United States or the immediate family of a Winchendon Garden Club member (International or Foreign Exchange Students are not eligible).
- Doctoral program students are not eligible.
- Must be attending school as defined by WGC:
- Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship cannot reapply.
- Applicants must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 graded hours of classes.
- Study abroad on fellowships or internships are not eligible.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Must be planning a career related to environmental concerns. *Example of common fields of study are as follows: o Agronomy o Agriculture Education o Floriculture o Horticulture o Landscape Design o Botany, Biology o Forestry o Wildlife Science o Plant Pathology/Science o City (Rural & Urban) Planning o Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology o Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior) Environmental Conservation (inc. Engineering, etc.) Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects.*

The following **is a Scale of Points** used but not limited to the evaluation of each application:

- o Academic Record 40%
- o Applicant's Letter 30%
- o Listing of Honors / Extracurricular Activities / Work Experience 10%
- o Financial Need 15%
- o Recommendations 5%

All applications received by the Winchendon Garden Club will be evaluated by the WGC Scholarship Committee, which consists of the WGC Scholarship Chairman and (3) Winchendon Garden Club members. The WGC Scholarship Chairman will notify the chosen applicants in writing of the committee's decision immediately following the judging.

Description of Funds

Cheques for the awarded applicant'(s) scholarship will be mailed in late July from WGC Treasurer to the Financial Aid Office of the institution at which the student is enrolled. No funds will be sent directly to the student. All funds will be distributed by the Financial Aid Office according to the school's term-system, unless the student has only one term remaining before the completion of the degree. In the event of a change in a student's major to one other than those listed above, or if the student withdraws from school; the balance of the funds must be returned to Winchendon Garden Club. The Student and Financial Aid Officer will determine how the money is to be spent: tuition, food, housing, books, etc.

Application Checklist:

The following documents must be submitted, single side pages only:

1. WGC Scholarship Application Form
2. Complete official academic transcripts
3. Letter from applicant, include list of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received within the last three years
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. All of the documents must be mailed by the applicant in one large envelope **postmarked no later than the deadline date: Application Deadline: April 30, 2026**

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