

The Winchendon Garden Club

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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 to the standards set by the Club's members.

Details of the Award

- **\$2,000 has been appropriated to be awarded for scholarships in 2025.**
- 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.*

Selection Criteria

All applications received by the Winchendon Garden Club will be evaluated by the WGC Scholarship Committee. The Committee will identify two (2) finalists who may be anonymously presented at the Club's May meeting.

Applications must be received by April 30, 2025.

The following **Sample Scale of Points** may be used but is 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%

Applications are evaluated and winners chosen by the Winchendon Garden Club 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 winning 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 particular 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, 2025

Mail to: The Winchendon Garden Club Scholarship Committee
C/O Linda Dellasanta
P.O. Box 32
Winchendon, MA 01475

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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, 2025.**

Please be as thorough as possible when submitting your application. All fields should be completed as these are the criteria used to evaluate each applicant.

Please submit required documents to support your application. Please read attached Instructions & Guidelines to guide your choice of documents to be included with your application (beneficial documents include résumé, transcripts, letters of recommendation; achievements, awards, honors, membership affiliations, community and volunteer services,) and any other information you may feel pertinent for our review. Please attach a one page letter expressing your desire to go into a related field of Environmental Protection/cultivation and we are especially interested in your personal ambition of how you will give back to our community with your learned skills.

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, 2025 (must be postmarked no later than this date)

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