

2024 Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardener College Scholarship Information

Established in 1979, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program is a volunteer educational program conducted in most counties across New York State. Master Gardener volunteers receive special training in horticulture and then commit time to provide horticultural related information to their communities. More about the Master Gardener volunteer program is available at: <http://gardening.cals.cornell.edu/cornell-cooperative-extension-master-gardener-volunteer-program/> The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardener Program will offer one scholarship for the 2024 academic year to an Erie County high school/home school college-bound senior. **The recipient will receive a one-time award of \$1,000.**

The scholarship is non-renewable, and the student must meet the following requirements:

- Graduating high school / home school senior who resides in Erie County
- Planning to attend a recognized, accredited college or university
- Planning a course of study in horticulture, botany, or a related field. Examples include but are not limited to agriculture, entomology, environmental sciences, environmental engineering, forestry, genetics, food technology, landscape design, forestry, urban geography, pest management and urban planning.
- Cumulative GPA equivalent to 85 or above
- Participate in service, extracurricular and/or school activities

To apply, submit the following:

- Completed application (Application is also available online <http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/gardening/annual-hs-scholarship>.)
- Official high school transcript including first semester senior grades
- A 300 word, double-spaced, typed essay from the applicant that includes a description of your planned career choice and how it will impact the field of horticulture/agriculture, botany, or related fields.
- One-page typed list, single-spaced, of your extracurricular activities, honors, and recognitions.
- One letter of recommendation from an instructor or guidance counselor.

Completed application and accompanying documents should be included in a single packet and submitted by mail to: Cornell Cooperative Extension office; Master Gardener College Scholarship 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY 14052.

All applications must be received no later than March 22, 2024 in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.

Release of funds contingent on verification of enrollment at a recognized, accredited college/university.

Recipients will be notified by MAY 28, 2024.

Questions regarding this scholarship can be emailed to Jolie Hibit, CCE Erie Administrative Assistant at jah663@cornell.edu.

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