



2024 Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association (BMGA)

Scholarship Application

Austin, Colorado, Fayette, & Washington Counties



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Mailing Address: _____
Address

_____ City State Zip Code

Email: _____ County: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

ACADEMICS – HIGH SCHOOL *(Please include a copy of high school transcript)*

GPA: _____ on a 4.0-point scale *(unweighted)* Ranking GPA: _____ *(weighted)*

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ *(class size)* Date Ranked: _____

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____ *(if not applicable, please write N/A)*

University, College, or Technical School you will be attending: _____
(Please include proof of acceptance)

Major/Field of Study: _____

Describe what inspired you to choose your major/field of study and explain how you plan to use it following graduation from college:



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Are you currently employed? *If yes, provide place of employment, employer's name, phone number, and the number of hours you worked per week.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GARDENING/HORTICULTURE INTERESTS

Please share any interest or experience you have in horticulture (gardening, lawn, landscape, trees, etc.):



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ESSAY

In the space provided below, please share the following with us:

- ❖ Tell us about yourself – family, high school, 4-H/FFA highlights, future plans, career goals, etc.
- ❖ Any obstacles or challenges?
- ❖ How will this scholarship help you in furthering your education?



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STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The above-mentioned applicant meets the requirement for the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association Scholarship as described in the guidelines and is an active 4-H or FFA member in good standing.

Applications with FFA experience must have an Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) signature, 4-H experience must have a County Extension Agent (CEA) signature, both FFA and 4-H experiences requires both signatures to be considered.

Agriculture Science Teacher – FFA Experience

Agriculture Science Teacher (Printed Name)

FFA Chapter

Agriculture Science Teacher Signature

Date

County Extension Agent – 4-H Experience

County Extension Agent (Printed Name)

4-H County

Extension Agent Signature

Date

Completed application must include the following to be considered:

- Completed BMGA Scholarship Application Form.
 - Must include signed statement of certification from CEA and/or AST.
 - Must include signed application certification statement.
- Official High School Transcript (must include fall semester grades and have a stamp and/or seal).
- Proof of acceptance to university, college, or technical school for Fall 2024.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

Applicant certifies that the information provided on the application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Applicant agrees to the scholarship guidelines, application process, and criteria required for scholarship redemption. Award recipients agree that if awarded a scholarship, the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association may share their name and scholarship information with local news outlets and with BMGA membership via the BMGA website.

Applicant Signature

Date

Completed Application Form and electronic copies of high school transcript, and proof of acceptance must be submitted online at <https://austin.agrilife.org/bmga-scholarship/>.

Application and all required materials must be submitted by Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All Committee decisions are final.



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Scholarship Guidelines



The Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association (BMGA) is a contingency of Master Volunteers who serve the Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington County area in support of horticulture education for both youth and adults. Their mission is to serve as an extension of the local County Extension Offices, assisting with learning opportunities for anyone with an interest in horticulture. They have generously provided scholarship funds to support the 2024 BMGA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. This scholarship is being offered to one eligible recipient per county for Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington counties.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be an active 4-H and/or FFA member in good standing from Austin, Colorado, Fayette, or Washington County.
 - Signed certification from County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Science Teacher required.
- Applicant must be a May 2024 graduate from a high school in one of the eligible counties.
 - Open to public, private, and homeschool students provided they can produce an official transcript.
- Applicant must attend an institution of higher education; university, college, or technical school beginning Fall 2024.

Application Process

Application must include the following to be considered:

- Completed Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association Scholarship Application Form.
 - Must include signed statement of certification from County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Science Teacher.
 - Must include signed application certification statement.
- Copy of official high school transcript (must include fall semester grades and have stamp and/or seal).
- Proof of acceptance to university, college, or technical school for Fall 2024 (i.e. letter, email, etc.).

Final Decisions

- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- All committee decisions are final.

Redeeming Scholarship

Recipients are required to attend a Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association meeting to share an update with the membership to receive scholarship payment. BMGA meetings are held monthly and rotate between the four counties. If selected, you will receive the dates and locations. Stacie Villarreal (stacie.villarreal@ag.tamu.edu) will be the point of contact and facilitate arranging this opportunity for each recipient. Additionally, a handwritten thank you note must be addressed to the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association and mailed to the Austin County Extension Office (1 E Main St., Bellville, TX 77418).

Applications must be completed in full and submitted online no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to:
<https://austin.agrilife.org/bmga-scholarship/>

Applications are furnished by the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association to the County Extension Agents in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington Counties. For additional information, please feel free to contact your local County Extension Office and speak with the Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent or the Austin County Extension Agent, Stacie Villarreal, at (979) 865-2072 or via e-mail at stacie.villarreal@ag.tamu.edu.