

Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers Scholarship

Requirements – 2024

The Paulding County Master Gardeners provide education and information about horticulture to the citizens of Paulding County. This scholarship is awarded to provide access to educational opportunities for Paulding County residents.

Award amount per recipient: Up to \$2,000; number and amount of scholarship(s) to be determined by committee members.

Application is open to Paulding County High School or Home School graduates who have completed one year of further education at a college, university, or technical/trade school in the fields of horticulture, agriculture, conservation, or forestry as well as 4-Hers completing cross county lines and enrolled in 4-H in Paulding County. (Please note: Students enrolled in College Credit Plus or other College Credits obtained during high school that have sophomore or higher status must have completed one physical year of college after graduating from high school.) The scholarship will be awarded regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, gender, disability, or national origin. The recipient is determined by the Scholarship Committee of the Paulding County Master Gardeners based on the applications submitted. Priority will be given to horticulture majors but agriculture majors will be considered. Applicants shall list leadership qualities in youth organizations, community activities, and agricultural activities. The committee may request an interview once applications are reviewed.

Applicants must mail a completed and signed application with all attachments to Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers, c/o Sarah Noggle, 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The application form must be postmarked by May 15, 2024. Hand-delivered applications will not be accepted.

The scholarship winner(s) will be decided by July 15, 2024, and the monies awarded in the fall of 2024 directly to the recipient. Guidelines of the value of the scholarship and requirements for receiving scholarship monies will be sent to the recipient(s) only. The recipient(s) will be set up as a vendor of the Ohio State University and will receive Tax Form 1099 from the Ohio State University for tax purposes. All decisions made by the scholarship committee are final.



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Application Form

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

College/University/Tech/Trade School _____

Major _____

Please attach the following:

- 1) Listing your participation in youth, school, volunteer, and community activities and service (High School and College) including the year of a range of the event.
- 2) Copy of final High School Transcript and Proof of graduation from a Paulding County (Ohio) High School/Home School.
- 3) Copy of an official college transcript from the most recent college semester/quarter/term completed. The date of the transcript must be after May 1, 2024 (Preferably the Spring 2024 Semester/Quarter/Session).
- 4) A 300–500-word essay on your major, why you chose it, your plans for the future, and why you should be considered for this scholarship.

I certify that all the information in my application submission is true and that the application is made with the intent to continue in a horticulture-related discipline. I understand that the Paulding County Master Gardener Scholarship committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning the above scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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Selection Guidelines

- 1) Applicant must have completed High School in a Paulding County (Ohio) School and at least one year of college/technical/trade school.
- 2) The application must be postmarked by May 15, 2024.
- 3) A copy of the official HS Transcript must be included.
- 4) Copy of the most recently completed quarter/semester official college/trade school/technical school transcript must be included with the overall GPA highlighted.
- 5) Priority will be given to horticulture majors and, if no horticulture majors apply, degrees in agriculture will be considered.
- 6) Applications will be scored on a rubric based on an essay, school, community service, volunteer activities, GPA, and future career plans.

