

APPLICATION FORM

Name (please print) : _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

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 January 1, 2027 (Preferably the Spring 2027 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.
5. A one page letter of recommendation from a non-family member, teacher, community member.

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



FOR QUESTIONS

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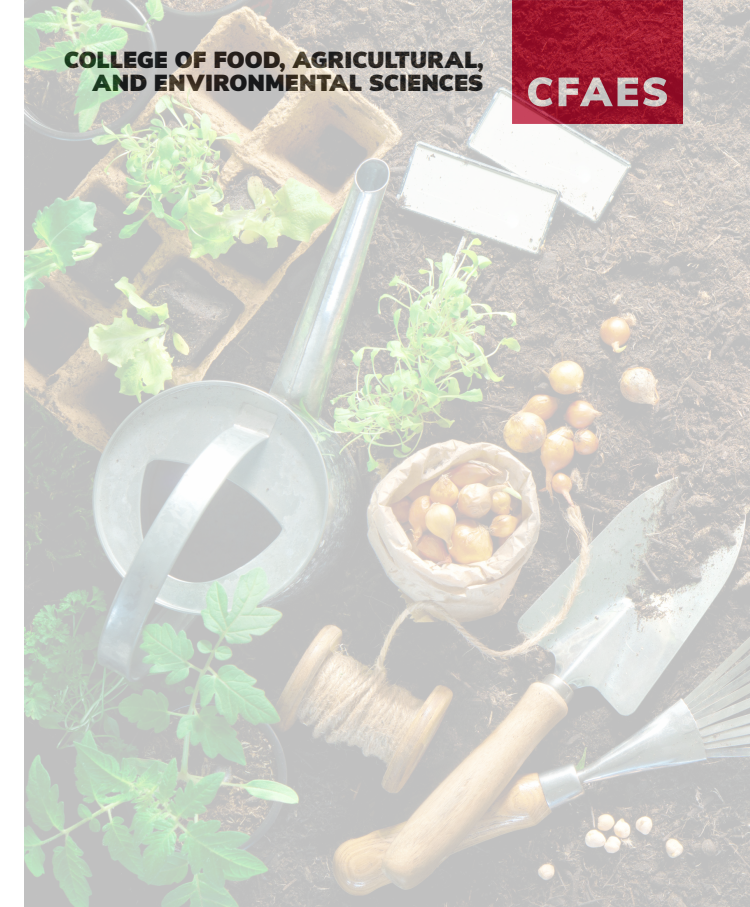
APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 15, 2026

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COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

CFAES



Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteer Scholarship

2026

College Scholarship Program



THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

AWARD DETAILS

The Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers are dedicated to providing horticultural education and resources to the citizens of Paulding County. This scholarship aims to support local students in their pursuit of higher education in horticulture and related fields.

Award Details:

- Scholarship Amount: Up to \$2,000 per recipient
- Number of scholarships awarded: Determined annually by the scholarship committee

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit a completed and signed application along with all required attachments.
- Applicant may be a current HS Senior but will not be granted the award until completion of first semester/quarter of college.
- Mail applications to: Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers, c/o Sarah Noggle, 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879
- Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2026.
- Hand-delivered applications will not be accepted.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a graduate of a Paulding County (Ohio) high school or home school program
- Be enrolled and have completed at least one full academic semester/quarter at a college, university, or technical/trade school.
- Be pursuing a degree in horticulture, agriculture, conservation, or forestry.
- Paulding County 4-H members enrolled through cross-county lines are also eligible.
- Students who earned College Credit Plus (CCP) or other college credits while in high school must still complete one full academic semester/quarter after high school graduation before the scholarship is awarded.
- The scholarship is awarded regardless of socioeconomic status, race, color, gender, disability, or national origin.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Scholarship Committee of the Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers will review applications and select recipients.
- Priority will be given to horticulture majors, but agriculture majors will also be considered.
- Applications will be evaluated based on academic performance, leadership experience, and involvement in youth organizations, community service, and agricultural activities.
- The committee may request an interview with applicants as part of the selection process.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Applicant must have completed High School in a Paulding County (Ohio) School and be enrolled in at least one year of college/technical/trade school.
2. The application must be postmarked by May 15, 2026.
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 will be requested from awardee in the Winter of 2027.
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.

SCHOLARSHIP NOTIFICATION

- Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 15, 2026.
- Scholarship funds will be disbursed in the spring of 2026 directly to the recipient or educational institution.
- Selected recipients will receive detailed guidelines on scholarship value and disbursement requirements.
- Recipients will be set up as a vendor of The Ohio State University and will receive a 1099 Tax Form from the university for tax purposes.
- All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final.

