

Ellis County Master Gardener Scholarship 2020

Disciplines which Relate to Horticulture

The Texas Master Gardener program is an educational volunteer program conducted by the Texas Agrilife Extension Service of Texas A & M University. Master Gardeners have special training in horticulture and then contribute time as volunteers to provide horticultural related information to their communities. The Ellis County Master Gardeners Association (ECMGA) is a not-for-profit Section 501 (c) (3) federal tax-exempt organization founded in 1997.

In 2003, ECMGA decided to make scholarships available to Ellis County high school students. We wanted to provide opportunities for graduating high school seniors in Ellis County to study horticulture and/or related life sciences. Since then, we have awarded 43 students scholarships in the amount of \$85,600. In addition, this year the ECMGA has decided to allow former ECMGA College Scholarship awardees currently enrolled in horticulture programs/degree plans to also apply for a 2020 scholarship to continue their college/university studies.

Horticulturists can work in industry, governmental entities or educational institutions or private nurseries or gardens. For example, they can be wholesale or retail garden business managers, landscape architects, water and irrigation specialists, arborist, turf grass specialists, plant propagators, crop production advisers, crop inspectors, cropping systems engineers, green house managers, extension specialists, plant geneticist, research scientists, and of course science/biology/botanist teachers.

Other disciplines that relate and complement horticulture include but or not limited to the following examples: agriculture; biology; botany; agricultural chemistry; entomology; environmental sciences; plant genetics; landscape design; plant physiology; sustainable agriculture; rural/urban geography and rural/urban planning and land management.

ECMGA scholarships are open to students who are graduating 2020 high school seniors currently residing in Ellis County and attend an Ellis County School District High Schools, Charter Schools or Ellis County Home School Program.

Students applying for the Ellis County Master Gardener Scholarship are invited to visit our web site (<http://www.ecmga.com>) to download application information and the application form. That information can be found under the "Scholarship Tab". Completed applications may be submitted by mail or in person to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 701 South I-35, Suite 3, Waxahachie, TX. 75165. If you need further information, please call the Ellis County AgriLife Extension Office at 972-825-5175 or George Cole, Chairman of the 2020 ECMGA College Scholarship Committee at 972/937-2440 (H). **All applications must be submitted to our office by no later than 4:00 P.M., March 16, 2020.**