



**ELLIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS 2020 SCHOLARSHIP**  
***A horticulture-related scholarship administered and awarded***  
***by the Ellis County Master Gardeners Association***

Award amount per recipient: **Up To \$3000 per Recipient**

Application is open to high school graduating senior students of Ellis County, Ellis County home school programs in 2020 and former ECMGA College Scholarship Awardees currently enrolled in horticulture/life sciences programs/degree plans that are continuing their college/university studies regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, gender, disability or national origin.

**I. Applicant Qualifications:**

- A.** Must be a current resident of Ellis County, a graduating senior student currently enrolled in an Ellis County high school, or Ellis County Home School Program. In addition, former ECMGA College Scholarship Awardees currently enrolled in horticulture/life sciences degree plans may also apply for a 2020 ECMGA scholarship to continue their college/university studies.
- B.** **Elected academic major is in a horticulture/life sciences - related field that includes, but is not limited to: horticulture, agriculture, biology, botany, chemistry, entomology, environmental science, forestry, genetics, landscape design, sustainable agriculture, urban geography, urban planning and horticulture-related business.**
- C.** Notification of current registration at an Ellis County High School, Ellis County Home School program or for former ECMGA College Scholarship Awardees their college or university.

**II. Application and Award Procedures:**

- A.** Applicant must complete the **Application Form** entirely and **submit all documents listed below:**
  - 1. A one-page essay, written by applicant, entitled: "Why I Want to Study Horticulture or a Related Life Science Field"
  - 2. A list of volunteer activities and work experience, if any, and position held
  - 3. A list of horticulture-related projects or activities
  - 4. A letter of recommendation from someone who knows you well, other than a relative or pastor.
  - 5. An official copy of your academic transcript (i.e., final high school or college/university transcript), and for high school students, SAT/ACT Scores, and Class Rank.
- B.** Application deadline: **4:00 P.M. – March 16, 2020**
- C.** **Finalists will be interviewed. The ultimate determination of the award will be based upon the total application, including the interview.**
- D.** Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision regarding their application.

**IMPORTANT:** The application must be complete and submitted by 4:00 P.M. - March 16, 2020. An application is not complete until all items listed above, including the letter of recommendation and transcript, are received. Mail the entire application package using “Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested”.



**2020 APPLICATION FORM  
ELLIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Instructions:** This form and all other required documents must be delivered or mailed to: Ellis County Master Gardeners, Attn: Scholarship Committee, c/o Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 701 South I-35, Suite 3, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. #

City State, Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home cell

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current resident of Ellis County? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State

Planned field of Major in College: \_\_\_\_\_

First Generation College Student Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ College Hours already acquired? If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Parents/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Brothers and Sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2020 Ellis County Master Gardener Scholarship application process:**

Parent/Guardian's Signature

**I certify that all the information in my application package is true and that the application is made with the intent of majoring in a horticultural-related discipline as defined in the attached Ellis County Master Gardener Scholarship information sheet.**

**Applicant's Signature**

*Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.  
The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.*