



HILL COUNTRY MASTER GARDENERS SCHOLARSHIP IN HORTICULTURAL STUDIES 2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

PURPOSE:

Hill Country Master Gardener Association (HCMG), a non-profit, trained volunteer organization, a component of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, promotes volunteer education and service to the community. As part of our mission, HCMG is offering two \$2,000 scholarships in horticultural science for the 2026– 2027 academic year. It is our intention to provide financial support to two undergraduate or graduate students at Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Tarleton State or Stephen F. Austin State Universities.

ADMINISTRATION:

General administration of the HCMG Scholarship is under the direction of the Scholarship Committee of HCMG, who will evaluate all scholarship applications. An interview may be required. Application is due by 31 May 2026. All applicants will be notified of selection decision by 30 June 2026

QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant must:

1. Be pursuing a degree in the horticultural sciences.
2. Be a full-time student in one of the four Universities listed above. Full-time is defined as 12 hours for undergraduate and 9 hours for graduate students, or as defined by their University.
3. Be at Junior level (60 hours) or above, with at least a 3.0 GPA.
4. Be a Texas resident. Preference will be given to students who are residents of Kerr, Kendall, Gillespie, Medina, Real, and Bandera Counties. If none apply, then any student who meets all other criteria will be considered. Availability to attend either the August 5, 2026, or January 6, 2027 Monthly HCMG Meeting would be helpful.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Each award will be paid in two installments: \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester and \$1000 at the beginning of the spring semester. The recipient is required to maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and be a full-time student during each semester covered by the award. Proof that the recipient has met these standards will be required before the second semester scholarship installment is disbursed.

HCMG, Inc. reserves the right to withhold unpaid portions of the scholarship if the recipient fails to meet the requirements listed above. Recipients may apply for subsequent scholarships.



HILL COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Complete the entire application form. All pages should be filled out completely.
- ◆ Attach at least **two typed or printed letters of recommendation**. One letter must be from an instructor. The other may be from a recent employer, club advisor, church leader or other qualified person, excluding family members.
- ◆ Attach college transcript in sealed envelope. The transcript must include your most recent semester.
- ◆ Return completed application and supporting documentation to:
Chairman, HCMG Scholarship Committee
Hill Country Master Gardener Association
3775 Hwy 27
Kerrville, TX 78028

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS 31 May 2026

PERSONAL DATA:

Name: _____
Current Address: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Have you ever been a member of 4-H or FFA at any time? _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, describe your involvement: _____
If you personally know a member of the HCMG, include name. _____
If asked to give a written or oral horticulture or related presentation to the HCMG, would you accept? _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, give a brief description of your presentation: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

_____ Two Year College _____ Four Year College
_____ Graduate School _____ Five Year Program

Name of school attending in the fall 2026 _____

Transfer Students: Have you been formally accepted to this school? _____ Yes _____ No.
If yes, please include a copy of acceptance letter.

Major: _____ Proposed major or formally declared? _____
Minor or area of specialization: _____



Year currently in school: Sophomore Junior Senior Fifth Year
 Graduate Student

How many years in college? _____ Expected date of graduation _____

Total number of college hours completed Number of hours currently carrying

Overall Grade Point Average

Please list all the colleges you have attended:

| College/University | Date Attended | Degree | GPA |
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ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:

Please list any civic awards, honors, scholarships or involvement in community service. You may also attach photographs of any horticultural or landscape project you designed or participated in, if you desire.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

List all your work experiences, whether or not they are related to your chosen field. You may attach a resume.

| Employer | Job Duties | Dates |
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**STATEMENT OF GOALS:**

Please state in 500 words of less your occupational goals. Include any background in horticultural related areas you feel is relevant.

Signature _____
Printed Name _____ Date _____

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.