

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF THE EASTERN SHORE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2024/2025**

The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore is offering a \$6,000.00 scholarship to students entering a college (2 or 4 year) or certificate program in an environmental science related field for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2025. Graduating seniors attending a Talbot County high school or being home schooled in Talbot County are eligible to apply for this scholarship. This is a merit-based scholarship. Financial need is not a factor considered in making the award. Applicants should demonstrate outstanding academic and community service accomplishments and be considering pursuing careers in botany, horticulture, agriculture, landscape architecture or design, environmental science, or another related environmental field.

Completed applications must be submitted to the student's high school guidance office by the close of the school day on **FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025**. Finalists will be selected by the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore's Scholarship Committee and will be invited to interview with committee members in early April.

Please address questions about this application to your guidance counselor or to Ann Ashby, GCES Scholarship Committee at: aashby46@yahoo.com.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

CUMULATIVE G.P.A. _____

IN THE SPACES BELOW, PLEASE LIST A MINIMUM OF TWO HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES RELEVANT TO THIS AWARD WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETED. PLEASE GIVE THE TITLE OF THE COURSE & THE GRADE IN WHICH YOU TOOK IT.

BIOLOGY _____ A.P. BIOLOGY _____ BOTANY _____

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE _____ A.P. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE _____

PLANT STUDIES (LAND OR WATER) _____ LANDSCAPE DESIGN _____

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING _____ OTHER RELATED COURSES _____

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PLEASE CAREFULLY FOLLOW THESE ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:

TELL US WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STUDYING AND WHY. DISCUSS ANY WORK OR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED IN THIS AREA OF INTEREST. THE COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR YOUR OWN WORDS; AI GENERATED ESSAYS ARE RECOGNIZABLE AND DISCOURAGED.

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR ESSAY TO *ONE AND A HALF PAGES, TYPED, SINGLE-SPACED, FONT SIZE 12.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION UPON SUBMISSION:

- (1) A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT;**
- (2) TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE, ONE FROM A TEACHER & ONE FROM AN EMPLOYER OR SOMEONE WHO KNOWS YOU WELL.**

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE ARE GUIDELINES FOR WRITING LETTERS OF REFERENCE. *PLEASE GIVE THE GUIDELINES TO YOUR REFERENCES.*

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

I ATTEST THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE:

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS OF REFERENCE 2024-2025

THIS STUDENT IS APPLYING FOR A MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP WHICH WILL BE AWARDED TO A TALBOT COUNTY STUDENT INTERESTED IN THE FIELDS OF BOTANY, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE OR DESIGN, OR RELATED FIELDS.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CANDID ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC STRENGTHS AND ACHIEVEMENTS. IF YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT'S PARTICIPATION IN RELATED CLUBS, PERSONAL PROJECTS, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OR JOBS, PLEASE TELL US ABOUT THOSE AS WELL.

THE STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THE APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE BY CLOSE OF THE SCHOOL DAY ***FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025.***

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TWELFTH GRADE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO THIS APPLICATION.
