



## **Lenox Garden Club Scholarship GUIDELINES**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
MARCH 7, 2025**

### **Who is eligible?**

Any full-time Berkshire County resident who is a graduating senior attending high school in Berkshire County, Massachusetts and who is in the process of applying to an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or technical program is eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship offered by the Lenox Garden Club. The scholarship reflects the club's mission to develop and stimulate interest and participation in horticulture, floral design, civic beautification, and environmental concerns.

### **What are the criteria? How do I apply?**

Students with a curiosity about the natural world are invited to demonstrate their interest in pursuing studies leading to a career in horticulture or environmental conservation, broadly defined. Applicants need not be ready to declare a particular major but must be planning to enroll in post-secondary courses in an academic field of study that provides a deep understanding of people and plants, and their ecological relationships and interdependencies.

For example, scholarship applicants may be interested in taking courses in the biological sciences (e.g., botany, zoology, horticulture, agriculture, environmental studies) or other fieldwork-based disciplines (e.g., geology, oceanography, anthropology) that provide practical experience and research skills to explore areas such as food systems, urban forestry, or the environmental protection of plants, wildlife, and pollinators. Some students may want to learn about landscape design and restoration or the historic preservation of gardens and natural habitats. Others may wish to address civic issues or social justice by studying the creative arts or education.

Applicants should describe how such areas of study fit their specific academic plans in a 250- to 500-word essay (one or two double-spaced pages), along with a completed scholarship application form (see next page).

### **What can the scholarship be used for? Are there any restrictions?**

Scholarship funds are unrestricted, intended to cover basic expenses pertaining to course work (books, supplies, software, computer technology, etc.).

### **When are funds disbursed? What are the expectations of the recipient?**

Scholarship monies will be disbursed after the awardee has been accepted by an accredited institution of higher education and has enrolled for the fall semester. Acceptable documentation can be a confirmed schedule of classes or a paid tuition receipt. It is the student's responsibility to submit proof of enrollment to the Lenox Garden Club in order to claim their award.

*The Lenox Garden Club is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, one of nearly 200 member clubs of the Garden Club of America. The Garden Club of America awards annually more than \$300,000 in scholarships and fellowships to support conservation, ecology, horticulture, and pollinator research by undergraduate and graduate students as well as practicing professionals. For more information, visit [www.gcamerica.org/scholarships](http://www.gcamerica.org/scholarships).*



**Lenox Garden Club Scholarship  
APPLICATION FORM**

**1. Please tell us:**

Your name:

Address/PO Box:

City/Town:

MA ZIP code:

Phone:

Email:

School currently attending:

Expected graduation date:

Are you a full-time resident of Berkshire County, Massachusetts?

**2. Provide the name and contact information of someone familiar with your interests and academic plans — a teacher, school guidance counselor, or another person whose advice you trust. As a courtesy, be sure to let them know that a scholarship committee representative may contact them to confirm your eligibility.**

Their name:

Phone:

Email:

**3. In an essay of 250–500 words (one or two double-spaced pages), tell us about your academic plans. Please address the criteria mentioned in the scholarship guidelines.**

*Submit your completed application form and essay by email to:*  
**lenox.garden.club.scholarship@gmail.com**

*Or mail a printed copy to:*  
**Lenox Garden Club Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 552  
Lenox, MA 01240**

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