

**Guidelines for Completing the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks  
Scholarship Application  
scholarship@mgozarks.com**

Please read the following instructions carefully to be sure you are able to submit the completed application to the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks (MGO) Scholarship Committee.

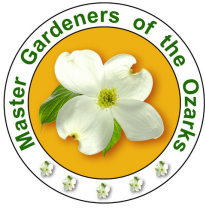
**MGO Scholarship Purpose:**

1. To support the educational expenses for students meeting criteria and pursuing degrees in agriculture, horticulture, environmental science, conservation/wildlife management, entomology or landscape/design management academic fields.
2. To increase the outreach and support for Master Gardeners in the state of Missouri.
3. To raise awareness of the purpose and impact of the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks.

**MGO Scholarship Awards:** MGO Scholarship Awards range from \$500-\$1000 per semester with no applicant receiving more than \$1000 in total. If an applicant is awarded a \$500 scholarship for one semester, the applicant may submit a subsequent application to be considered for additional funding as long as the total in funding does not exceed \$1000. Funds are not given directly to the applicant. Funds are deposited into the applicant's account at the accredited institution he or she is attending by the first day of classes. If you are selected to receive an MGO scholarship, you must provide additional information so funds can be deposited into your college or university account.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for the MGO Scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must be a permanent resident of Stone or Taney County.
2. You must be a high school senior attending high school in Stone or Taney County taking a course and/or program in horticulture, agriculture, environmental science, landscape management, entomology or conservation/wildlife management **OR** a college/university student who is attending an accredited Missouri institution of higher education seeking a certificate or degree program in a horticulture, agriculture, environmental science, landscape management, entomology or conservation/wildlife management related field.
3. You must fully and truthfully complete the online application form.
4. You must submit a personal narrative explaining your educational goals.
5. You must submit the application form electronically by the application deadline (Fall/Summer awards – March 15; Spring awards – October 15).
6. You must have a teacher, counselor, administrator or advisor write a brief letter of support for you. This letter must be attached electronically to your original application. The person must clearly indicate their relationship to you and how they know of your interest in a horticulture, agriculture, environmental science, landscape management, entomology or conservation/wildlife management field of study.



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All information within your application will be considered confidential. No applications will be returned. You may ask that your application be withdrawn but this must be done by email to [scholarship@mgozarks.com](mailto:scholarship@mgozarks.com).

If you are selected as the scholarship recipient, MGO will notify you in writing at your permanent address and/or by email/phone. If you prefer a text message response, please note on the application form.

The Scholarship Award is intended to be used for educational expenses. The MGO will work with you and your institution of choice to assure that the award is placed in your student account at the start of the semester of the award. If you are seeking to attend summer school, note that and MGO will work from that schedule for funds disbursement. **Funds are not given directly to you.**

If selected as the MGO Scholarship recipient, you are granting permission to MGO to publicize your acceptance of the scholarship by using your name, high school of graduation, intended program of study and the institution you will/are attending. You will be invited to attend a Master Gardener of the Ozarks membership meeting to be recognized as a scholarship recipient. While we hope you can attend, this is not a requirement of the award.

### **MGO Application Instructions**

Go to <https://www.mgozarks.com/scholarship>. Please be sure you understand these instructions prior to completing the form. The form is a multi-page, electronic form and each page of questions must be completed before the next page can be accessed. You will need to complete all fields on all pages and then submit the form in one session. You cannot “save” the incomplete form and come back to it later. You will need to submit your personal contact information, High School name and address, Higher Education Institution name and address and attach a narrative of one page and a recommendation letter, both in one of the following file formats: doc, docx, pdf, rtf, txt or odt. **Have all of this ready before you start.**

Upon completing and submitting the form you will receive an acknowledgement email sent to the email address you submitted with an attachment of your application in PDF Form. You may print this for your records.

For questions or further information please contact [scholarship@mgozarks.com](mailto:scholarship@mgozarks.com).