

Elmhurst Garden Club

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College Scholarship Information and 2020 Application Form

The Goal of the Elmhurst Garden Club College Scholarships is to encourage and support education, research, and teaching careers in the general areas of study listed below. Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Garden Walk & Faire which takes place annually on the second Sunday of July. Over the past 20 years the Elmhurst Garden Club has awarded more than ninety college scholarships. Four or more scholarships of up to \$3,000.00 are awarded every year.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a current Resident of the State of Illinois.
- Must be a current, full-time sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student at an accredited college or university or a student at a community college working towards a degree.
 - Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes.
 - Graduate students must be a full time graduate student per the qualifications of their institution.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Must be majoring in one of the following areas of study or preparing for teaching careers in these areas:

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| --Horticulture | --Agriculture | --Floriculture |
| --Ecology | --Agronomy | --Botany |
| --Conservation | --Forestry | --Biology |
| --Landscape Design | --Land Management | --Environmental Studies |

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- The documents listed in the application checklist chart below must be submitted.
All of the documents must be:
 1. Mailed to: Scholarship Committee, Elmhurst Garden Club, P.O. Box 383, Elmhurst, IL 60126, or,
 2. Emailed to: egcscholarships2020@gmail.com
- Application Deadline:

Postmarked by May 1, 2020, or emailed by 11:59PM on May 1, 2020.

SELECTION INFORMATION

- Scholarship selection is made by the Scholarship Committee of the Elmhurst Garden Club in May of the year preceeding the year of study. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email shortly thereafter but not later than the end of the month, May 31, 2020.
- Scholarship funds awarded will be applied to tuition payments and will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the student's college or university to be applied to tuition for the Fall semester.
- If awarded a scholarship, the student agrees to:
 1. Send or email a Letter of Acceptance to the Elmhurst Garden Club.
 2. Attend the subsequent March Meeting of the Elmhurst Garden Club to present a short verbal and Power Point presentation about their studies, research, and activities related to their major area of study and future career or education plans.
 3. Give permission for the garden club to use their photo for Elmhurst Garden Club Scholarship Publicity.

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APPLICATION CHART and CHECKLIST

- All documentation listed below must be included as part of your application.
- All pages must be legible and preferably computer generated.
- All pages must include your full name.

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| [1.] | Application Form | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Application Form. | |
| [2.] | Cover Letter/ Personal Statement | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss background, interest in major areas of study and description of your involvement in these areas.• Discuss career plans/goals. | |
| [3.] | List of Classes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List all classes completed in your Major and Minor fields of study. | |
| [4.] | List of Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List to include organized extracurricular activities, clubs, organizations, honors, recognitions, received with in the last three years.• Indicate leadership roles if applicable.• Students returning to school after an absence can list work experience and activities. | |
| [5.] | List of Work and Volunteer Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe work and/or volunteer activities related to your major are of study during the past three years. | |
| [6.] | Two Letters of Recommendation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One letter from a Professor/Instructor.• One letter from a mentor or person familiar with your work and interests.• Letters should discuss scholastic ability, personal character, and work-related experience. | |
| [7.] | Transcript | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official academic transcript from the college you are currently attending.• Transcripts must include the latest grading period.• Graduate students must include undergraduate transcripts. | |

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Full Name _____ Date _____

Home (Current/Legal/Permanent) Address _____

City _____ State — Illinois Zip Code _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email Address _____ Alternate Email _____

College/University _____

Department Enrolled _____ Major _____ Minor _____

Current Year in School at Time of Application:

____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Graduate Student

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) _____

College(s) Previously Attended _____

Name of Current College Financial Aid Office _____

Address _____ Phone _____

I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, I will attend the Meet the Scholars' Lunch on Monday, March 1, 2021, and present a short program to members of the Elmhurst Garden Club about my education, research, activities and career plans related to my major area of study. And I give permission for my photo to be used in local Elmhurst Garden Club Scholarship Publicity.

Student Signature _____ Date _____