

# 8<sup>th</sup> District MSHS 2023 Scholarship APPLICATION

**\*\*Must be received by March 15, 2023**

## 1. Applicant Information:

Last Name	First Name	E-mail	Telephone
Home Address	City	Zip Code	County
Mailing Address (If different from Home Address)	Present School		Where?
Local Newspaper – Name, Address and E-Mail			
Parents' Names (if applicable) and Address if different from yours		Their E-mail Address/Phone number	

## 2. Future Plans:

College/Technical School	Where?	Course of Study
Intended Profession/Career		

## 3. Horticultural/Gardening Experience Essay:

On a separate sheet of paper, describe in a short essay (no less than 200 words) your involvement/ experiences in horticultural/gardening activities. Please do not include any photos or support materials. If you have been selected as a recipient of one of our scholarships, we ask you to send a recent photo of yourself for publicity purposes.

Examples of types of information to include in your essay:

- How long you have been gardening; who or what inspired your interest in gardening/horticulture;
- What type(s) of gardening have you been involved with (vegetable, flower, fruit, houseplants, lawn/landscape), add details:
- Employment at a greenhouse or other business connected with horticulture;
- Any community gardening activities/services (working in a community garden, sharing/donating extra produce/flowers, etc. to soup kitchens, Food Shelf, shut-ins, older neighbors, your church, etc., lawn care or gardening help for others);
- Sharing your gardening skills/knowledge by exhibiting at flower shows/fairs, demonstrations, talks, programs, helping others (younger gardeners, school projects for programs, people learning to garden);
- Plans after graduation; how do you plan to use your gardening skills in the future?

## 4. Other Information:

**\*\*Please write or print information CLEARLY! Especially your name, mailing and E-mail addresses.**

**\*\*How did you learn about this scholarship?** \_\_ School counselor \_\_ Newspaper \_\_ Local garden club member \_\_ Word of mouth \_\_ Other

**\*Application must be submitted and received by March 15, 2023. (Regular mail or E-mail)**

Send your completed Application and Essay to: 8<sup>th</sup> District MSHS Scholarship, c/o Jan Dzwonkowski, Chair, 6317 Heritage Trail, Gilbert, MN 55741 Email: [jan\\_dz@q.com](mailto:jan_dz@q.com) Phone: 218/865-6018

**8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT MINNESOTA STATE  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

A minimum of four 8<sup>th</sup> District scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$600 will be awarded to students residing in or attending school in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society 8<sup>th</sup> District. The 8<sup>th</sup> District includes the counties of Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, north and south St. Louis.

The scholarship will be presented to the student upon proof of course registration.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

\*Applicant must be a graduating senior from the MSHS 8<sup>th</sup> District who will be attending a college or technical school within one calendar year (August 15, 2022 to August 15, 2023) after being chosen as a recipient; no restriction as to course or school:

\*Or a non-traditional student, college student, second-time winner, etc. from the MSHS 8<sup>th</sup> District or attending a college or school in the MSHS 8<sup>th</sup> District. The applicant must be attending a college (or technical school within one calendar year (August 15, 2023 to August 15, 2024) after being chosen as a recipient; no restriction as to course or school.

\*The applicant must provide evidence of an interest and participation in horticultural/gardening activities. Examples: home garden, school activities, organized groups such as 4-H, Scouts, church, community gardens, etc.

**PROCESS FOR APPLYING:**

\*Fill out one-page application that will provide instructions; information requested. This will become the cover page.

\*On a separate sheet of paper, describe in a short essay (no less than 200 words) your involvement/experiences in horticultural/gardening activities. Please **DO NOT** include any photos or support materials. We will request your photo if you are selected as a recipient of a scholarship. Examples of types of information to include:

- how long you have been gardening;
- what type(s) of gardening you have been involved with (vegetable, flower, indoor, fruit, lawn, etc.);
- any community gardening activity/service, ie. working in a community garden; teaching others; giving extra produce/flowers to soup kitchens, shut-ins, others; doing lawn care for others, etc.;
- sharing your gardening skills by exhibiting at fairs/flower shows; doing demonstrations talks or speeches; helping younger (or older) gardeners;
- work experience at local greenhouses, farms, etc.;
- your plans after graduation;
- how do you expect to use your gardening skills in the future.

**NOTIFICATION:**

Applicants will be notified of selection or non-selection at least two (2) weeks before the 8<sup>th</sup> District Spring meeting in the Spring of 2023. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the 2023 Spring meeting unless there is still a problem with the COVID virus; attendance is requested but not required.

\* Completed application and essay must be received by **MARCH 15, 2023.**