

MINNESOTA STATE
**HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**
District 8

**8th DISTRICT MINNESOTA STATE
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

A minimum of four 8th District scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$600 will be awarded to students residing in or attending school in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society 8th District. The 8th 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 8th 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 8th District or attending a college or school in the MSHS 8th District. The applicant must 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.
- *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 8th District Spring meeting in the Spring of 2022. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the 2022 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, 2022.**

8th District MSHS 2022 Scholarship APPLICATION

****Must be received by March 15, 2022**

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	

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);
- 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, 2022. (Regular mail or E-mail)**

Send your completed Application and Essay to: 8th District MSHS Scholarship, c/o Jan Dzwonkowski, Chair,
6317 Heritage Trail, Gilbert, MN 55741 Email: jan_dz@g.com Phone: 218/865-6018