

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

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 & south St. Louis. In addition, the Sharon Wildung Memorial Scholarship for \$600 and the Dale Hurst Memorial Scholarship will also be awarded.

The Scholarships 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, 2021 to August 15, 2022) 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 college in the MSHS 8<sup>th</sup> District, The applicant must be attending a college or technical school within one calendar year (August 15, 2021 to August 15, 2022) 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. Ex: home garden; organized groups such as 4-H, Scouts; or community gardens

### 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. Examples of types of information to include
  - how long you have been gardening
  - what type of gardening you do (vegetable, flower, fruit, houseplants, lawn & landscape)
  - any community gardening activity/service – working in a community garden; giving extra produce/flowers to soup kitchen, shut-ins; doing lawn care for others
  - sharing your gardening skills by exhibiting at fairs/flower shows; doing demonstrations, talks or speeches; helping younger gardeners,
  - plans after graduation
  - include how you plan to use your gardening skills in the future

### NOTIFICATION:

- Applicants will be notified of selection or non-selection at least two (2) weeks before 8<sup>th</sup> District MSHS Spring meeting in May of 2021
- Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the 2021 Spring meeting; attendance is requested but not required.
- Completed application must be received by **MARCH 15, 2021.**

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