Union County Master Gardener Scholarship
2015 Union County, Ohio Application Packet

The Master Gardeners of Union County, Ohio is a volunteer group helping OSU Extension to educate and assist the community in horticultural pursuits. A scholarship in the amount of $1000 will be awarded to one applicant. Only one scholarship will be awarded per year. Applicants are eligible to apply in future years.

Residency/School: The applicant must be
- A Union County resident, or
- A graduate of a Union County high school, or
- A graduating senior from a Union County high school

College, University or Technical School: The applicant must be pursuing a PLANT SCIENCE degree, such as in the areas of AGRONOMY, BOTANY, HORTICULTURE, FORESTRY, or LANDSCAPING.

Graduating high school seniors or others who have not started their classes at the college, university or technical school must present an ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL and a HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

Applicants who have started their program of college study should submit a TRANSCRIPT FROM THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Deadline: The scholarship committee must receive your application packet by April 2, 2015. Your application will not be considered if it is not complete. Completed applications may be mailed or hand delivered to the following address:

Master Gardener Scholarship
OSU Extension of Union County
18000 St. Rt. 4, Suite E
Marysville, OH 43040

Help: If you have questions you may contact the Master Gardener Scholarship Committee by emailing audrey.kise@gmail.com with the subject line: MG Scholarship

Checklist: Please include all the following in your application packet.
- Personal Information and Tell Us More about You Sheets
- Transcript from the college, university or technical school, OR Letter of Acceptance and high school transcript
  - Grade point average will be a tie breaker if necessary
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Signature and permission to check information.

Signature for verification and permission:
I certify that all the contents of this scholarship application have been checked by me and that everything is true. I give permission to persons mentioned in this application packet to speak with members of the Union County Master Gardener’s Scholarship Committee concerning this packet and me. If I am awarded the scholarship, I give permission to use my name and photograph in newspaper articles and on the Master Gardener web site.

Signed __________________________ Date __________________
Personal Information:

Your Name: __________________________________________________________ (Please print clearly)

Check all appropriate categories that describe you:

___ Union County resident

___ Union County high school graduate of ____________________________ (Name of high school) Graduation year ______

___ Union County high school graduating senior

Your Full Address: __________________________________________________________ (Please print clearly)

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Your Daytime Phone: ______________________________________________________

Your Evening Phone: ______________________________________________________

Your Cell Phone: __________________________________________________________

Your email: _______________________________________________________________

Tell Us More about You:
Please attach additional pages with your responses.

A. Please list and describe any curricular or extracurricular activities or jobs involving the plant sciences in which you have been involved. Give details on your own personal participation.

B. Please list and describe any awards you have received or your achievements.

C. Please list and describe any volunteer service activities in which you have participated. Give details on your own personal participation.

D. Please write a brief statement of 300 words or less discussing your thoughts about the importance of the plant sciences and how you want to be involved in them in the future. Include your intended major or course of study and how you will use it.

Disclaimer:
Members of the Scholarship Committee representing the Union County Master Gardeners will review all applications. All applicants will be notified in writing. All applications and accompanying documents will remain the property of the Union County Master Gardener Association.
Letters of Recommendation:
Please include two letters of recommendation from people familiar with your CHARACTER and WORK ETHIC.

We suggest that you ask a teacher, coach, advisor, work supervisor, club leader, youth leader, pastor, or counselor, but not a relative.

We ask that the reference include TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION for day and/or evening. Please tell your references that we may be contacting them about you.

Reference Name printed: __________________________________________________________
Daytime phone: ____________________________
Evening phone: ____________________________
Email: _______________________________________
Their relationship to you: _______________________________________________________
How long have they known you? ________________________________________________

(The space below may be used for the letter of recommendation or the letter may be written on a separate piece of paper and included in your packet. Please note on this paper if it is on a separate piece of paper, but you must still fill out the information above. Be sure that the reference includes your name, signs, and dates the letter.)

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