

Marie Madison Horticulture Scholarship
Benton County Master Gardener Association
OSU Extension Service—Benton County
1829 NW 9th Street
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

Application Instructions

About this Scholarship: The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and enhance the post-secondary, academic study of horticulture, botany, and plant science. It is a non-renewable scholarship, up to \$750, to be awarded annually beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year.

Eligibility This scholarship is open to any high school senior who:

- Is a resident of Benton County and attends school in Benton County
- OR, is a resident of Benton County and attends a school in a school district adjacent to Benton County
- OR, is a student who resides within the boundaries of a Benton County school district and attends school in that district
- plans to attend an accredited college within the United States
- and, majors/pursues a career in horticulture/botany/plant science

Eligibility for this scholarship is not based on need.

Application: Students must complete and submit the application form.

Written Statement: Along with the application and other requirements (listed below), students must submit a written statement that describes an academic or community service project/activity that is actively related to horticulture, plant science, or botany and demonstrates the student's interest in one of these disciplines of study.

The written statement should be no more than one (1) page in length and no more than 500 words. The statement must be typed on standard, white, 8½ x 11 inch paper. The font shall be Times New Roman using a 10 or 12-point print size. All margins shall be one (1) inch. The student should use "Written Statement" as the title. The student's name should appear in the top, right hand corner.

The student may also submit one (1) page of captioned photographs of the project or activity being described. No people should appear in the photographs. *Photographs are optional and will not be returned.*

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required. Those who are asked to write letters should be able to comment on the student's interest in horticulture or its related fields such as horticulture or science teachers, counselors, administrators, faculty advisors, or community leaders. Family members are not eligible.

High School Transcripts

A current, certified copy of the student's high school transcripts must be received by the application deadline. The school should mail the transcript directly to the Marie Madison Scholarship Committee.

Deadline: The Marie Madison Scholarship Committee must receive all documents by 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday in April. *Postmarks are not acceptable.*

Mailing Address Marie Madison Scholarship Committee
OSU Extension Office--Benton County
1849 NW 9th Street
Corvallis, OR 97330

Applications may be obtained at extension.oregonstate.edu/benton. The application may be sent by mail or delivered by hand and may not be submitted electronically. All other documents (transcripts and letters of recommendation) must be received by mail.

Determination: The scholarship award will be based on eligibility, high school transcripts, the written statement, future plans/career goals, letters of recommendation, and community service.

Determination of this scholarship shall be made without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, or disability. No relatives of scholarship committee members or Benton County Master Gardener™ Association Board of Directors (voting or non-voting) shall be eligible for consideration of this scholarship.

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Personal Information

Name _____ Date: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ email _____

Date of Birth _____

Educational Information

High School _____

City _____ Year of Graduation _____ GPA _____

Intended College Major: _____

Intended Start Date: _____

▪ **College/University You Plan to Attend (first choice):**

Degree Sought: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Address: _____

Phone (____) _____

▪ **College/University You Plan to Attend (second choice):**

Degree Sought: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Address: _____

Phone (____) _____

▪ **College/University You Plan to Attend (third choice):**

Degree Sought: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Address: _____

Phone (____) _____

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Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: _____

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT CLASSES

Relevant Classes	Year	Grade

(use an additional page as needed)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honor/Award	Brief Description	Year

(use an additional page as needed)

HIGH SCHOOL, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES , VOLUNTEER WORK

Activity	Position Held	Year	Weeks per Year

(Use an additional page as needed to list activities.)

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EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (or attach resume)

Employer	Position/Duties	Dates	Supervisor	Phone

(Use an additional page as needed to list employment information.)

How did you hear about the Marie Madison Horticulture Scholarship?

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation are required to complete the application. Do not use relatives. Teachers or persons familiar with your horticulture/science background are preferred. Please list your references below and give the name, address, and phone number of each.

Reference 1: _____

Reference 2: _____

Disbursement of Scholarship Funds

The scholarship award will be disbursed directly to the student's college/university. The award recipient will need to provide a final, official high school transcript upon graduation and proof of acceptance and enrollment at the college or university he/she plans to attend.

Note: Acceptance of this scholarship will allow the Benton County Master Gardener Association to use in press releases the name of the recipient, the name of his/her high school name, the name of the college the recipient plans to attend, and the proposed major.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information furnished on this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that such information is confidential and subject to verification by the Marie Madison Scholarship Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Request for Letter of Recommendation

Applicant: Please provide a copy of this page to each of your references.

Name of Scholarship Applicant _____

Applicant Reference

The student named above is applying for the Marie Madison Horticulture Scholarship from the Benton County Master Gardener™ Association. Your name has been submitted as a reference.

We ask that you provide the scholarship committee with a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant that includes the following:

- Circumstances under which you know the applicant.
- Comments on the applicant's interest, ability, and potential in the fields of horticulture, botany, and/or plant science.
- Additional information you believe to be pertinent for our consideration.

Please return your letter to the scholarship committee at the above address. It must be received by the first Monday in April. Your letter must be mailed separately and not included in the application packet.

Your cooperation is appreciated. The applicant's file will not be complete without your letter of recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Snyder, Master Gardener™ Program Support, at the OSU Extension Office, Benton County at (541) 766-3558.

Thank you,

Marie Madison Scholarship Committee
Benton County Master Gardener™ Association