

January 1, 2024

Dear Guidance Departments:

The mission of the Noble County Master Gardener Program is to provide information and technical assistance primarily to home growers in the areas of gardening and home horticulture through the use of trained and certified volunteers. Noble County Master Gardeners volunteer their time in our communities by presenting workshops, working with youth, creating and maintaining community gardens, community beautification projects and much more.

Noble County Master Gardeners raise funds by selling plants, seeds, bulbs, herb-infused products and garden crafts at local events and festivals. Funds raised at these events are used to support scholarships for students in Noble County Schools.

We are pleased to offer scholarship funds to at least one Noble County high school senior who intends to study horticulture, agriculture or a related field, such as botany or landscape architecture. I have enclosed a copy of the scholarship application and information regarding the application criteria and process. All applications must be received by March 27, 2024, to be considered.

Please contact me at 260-894-2200 or 260-636-2111 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Pennie Phares



Noble County Master Gardeners

% Purdue Extension Office of Noble County

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Noble County Master Gardener Horticulture Scholarship

The Noble County Master Gardeners are offering scholarship funds to Noble County high school seniors who intend to study horticulture. Any scholarship(s) will be awarded at the discretion of the *Noble County Master Gardener Scholarship Committee*. The committee will base their selection on the overall application, which includes: academic achievement, extracurricular activities, the essay and references. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's college to be used toward tuition.

In applying for the scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

1. The student **must reside** in Noble County.
2. The student must intend to complete the requirements for a degree and to pursue a career in horticulture, agriculture or related field, such as: botany, landscaping, or landscaping architecture. The applicant understands that if the career field is changed to a non-horticulture field, or withdraws during the first semester, any remaining funds will be returned to the Noble County Master Gardeners.
3. The application form **must be fully completed** to receive full consideration.
4. An official high school transcript must be included with the application.
5. **Two letters of recommendation required**; one of which is from the student's teacher/instructor, must be sent separately by the person giving the reference to the address below. Please provide your teacher/instructor a stamped and addressed envelope.

The completed application form, official high school transcript, and letters of recommendation must be received by **March 27, 2024, 4 p.m. or be postmarked by March 27, 2024.**

Please deliver or mail the application and transcript to:

Noble County Master Gardeners
Purdue Extension Service of Noble County
109 N York St
Albion, IN 46701

Applications are also available from all Noble County High School Guidance offices, or by calling:
Pennie Phares @ 260-894-2200 or the Purdue Extension Office @260-636-2111.

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Noble County Master Gardener Horticulture Scholarship Form

(Please print in ink or type)

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone _____

Parents or Guardians _____

Address (if different from above) _____

High School _____ Phone _____

Date of Graduation _____

Intended College /University _____

College/University Address _____

Intended Major Area of Study _____

High School & Community Activities (include offices held, length of involvement, any other pertinent info):

High School or Community Awards/Accomplishments:

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Date received: _____

Employment: Describe your work experience during the past four years:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Hours per week</u>	<u>Job Responsibilities</u>

References: Please ask two persons to write letters of recommendation for you. One should be from one of your teachers, and the other from another person who is not related to you, but knows you well, such as an employer, pastor, or coach. Please provide them with a stamped envelope. (Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Pennie Phares, NC Master Gardeners, C/O Purdue Extension of Noble County, 109 N York St, Albion, IN 46701, **by March 27, 2024.**)
, byTeacher/Instructor:

	<u>Name/Subject Taught</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Other Reference			
	<u>Name/Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>

Career Essay: On a separate sheet of paper, please explain in approximately 350 words, how this degree and career path aligns with the Master Gardener program. Include your goals for furthering your education and what you hope to accomplish with your degree.

Send this completed form, plus **your official high school transcript and career essay** to:
Pennie Phares, NC Master Gardeners
C/O Purdue Extension of Noble County
109 N York St
Albion, IN 46701

**The deadline for this scholarship application is March 27, 2024, 4pm
or
postmarked by March 27,2024**

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MASTER GARDENER HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM

Name _____
(First) (Last)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

College/University Attending this fall _____

Your College/University ID Number _____

Your campus address _____

College/University Registrar's Address:

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

College/University Registrar's Phone Number _____

Address where the check should be sent **if different** than above:

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number where you can be reached _____

Please send this completed form to:
Noble County Master Gardeners
C/O Purdue Extension Service of Noble County
2090 N. SR 9, Ste. D
Albion, IN 46701

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pennie Phares 260-894-2200 or
Purdue Extension Office 260-636-2111.