



## Noble County Master Gardener Horticulture Scholarship

The Noble County Master Gardeners offer scholarship funds to one qualified Noble County high school senior intending to study horticulture.

The scholarship is a minimum of \$1500 and is awarded at the discretion of the Noble County Master Gardener Scholarship Committee. The committee's selection is based on the overall application, including academic achievement, extracurricular activities, the essay, and references. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the recipient's college.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

1. Residency: The student must reside in Noble County.
2. Field of Study: The student must intend to complete a degree and pursue a career in a horticulture or related field, such as: botany, landscape architecture, or environmental science. The applicant understands if their career field changes to a non-horticultural field, or they withdraw during the first semester, remaining funds will be returned to the Noble County Master Gardeners. Preference will be given to applicants attending an in-state college.
3. Application Packet: The packet must contain:
  - ✓ **Application form**, fully completed
  - ✓ **Official high school transcript**
  - ✓ **Career Essay**: Please explain in approximately 350 words how this degree and career path align with the Master Gardener program.

4. Letters of Recommendation: **two letters of recommendation** must be sent separately by the references. Please provide your references, a stamped and addressed envelope or the email address noted below.
- ✓ One letter from a teacher or academic instructor
  - ✓ One letter from a personal or professional reference of your choice

### **Application Deadline**

The completed application packet must be received or postmarked by **March 1, 4 p.m.** It is recommended you submit as early as possible and confirm receipt with the Extension Office.

### **Submission Instructions**

Please deliver or mail the full application packet to:

**Master Gardener Scholarship Committee**  
c/o Purdue Extension - Noble County  
109 N York St.  
Albion, IN 46701

Alternatively, you may submit in PDF format via email to [nobleces@purdue.edu](mailto:nobleces@purdue.edu).

Applications are available from Noble County High School Guidance offices, the Purdue Extension – Noble County website, or the Purdue Extension – Noble County office.

### **Questions**

Questions may be directed to the Purdue Extension – Noble County office at 260-636-2111.

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### Application Form

*Please print in ink or type*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

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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, or other pertinent info):

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High School or Community Awards/Accomplishments:

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**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> |
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**References:** Please ask two people to write a letter of recommendation for you. One should be from one of your teachers and the other from a person who is not related to you, but knows you well, such as an employer, pastor, or coach.

Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from your reference to the Master Gardener Scholarship Committee, c/o Purdue Extension - Noble County, 109 N York St, Albion, IN 46701 or to [nobleces@purdue.edu](mailto:nobleces@purdue.edu), by **March 1**. Please provide them with a stamped envelope.

Teacher/Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Subject Taught Address Phone

Other Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Relationship Address Phone

**Submission Instructions:** As noted in the cover page, mail, email, or deliver the full application packet (application, transcript, and essay) to the Noble County Extension Office by **March 1**.

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  |
| Date received: _____ |