

**2026 WAUPACA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
\$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP**

1. The Waupaca County Master Gardener Scholarship is available to (1) anyone who is a Waupaca County high school senior or (2) a Waupaca County student who is currently attending an institution of higher learning. **The scholarship recipient must be pursuing a degree or associate degree relating to Master Gardener coursework, including: horticulture, landscaping, entomology, soils, forestry, or related fields.**
2. **One Waupaca County Master Gardener Scholarship of \$1,000** will be awarded to a Waupaca County student. Scholarship payment will be made after completion of a semester following scholarship award. The scholarship recipient will send their first (or applicable) semester grade transcript, maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher and course enrollment for second semester.
3. The applicant will be judged on the following items:

Essay	30 points
References	20 points
Community Participation	15 points
Grades	15 points
Leadership	10 points
Extra-curricular Activities	10 points
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	100 points

No late applications will be accepted. Due date is Monday, April 20, 2026.

If submitting by US mail, please include reference letters with the application.
Mail to: Carrie Hitchcock-Esch, 8550 16th Road, Almond, WI 54909

If submitting by email, all required forms can be returned as PDF to wcmgscholarship@gmail.com. Reference letters may be emailed directly to wcmgscholarship@gmail.com or submitted as PDF files with the student application.

Waupaca County Master Gardener's \$1,000.00 Scholarship

Who is eligible:

1. A graduating senior of a Waupaca County High School
or
2. A Waupaca County student pursuing a degree at a four-year college, or technical college degree relating to an occupation in the horticulture industry.

Please submit:

1. Your name, contact information including email, phone, and home address.
2. Parents' or guardians' names and contact information.
3. University or technical college which you are attending or plan to attend or are currently enrolled in.
4. Statement of your vocational and educational plans.
5. Explanation of your involvement in organizations, community, or after school activities.
6. Essay of why you want to go into the horticulture field, your future goals, and the way you will impact the horticulture industry.
7. A copy of your most recent high school or college transcript.
8. Two letters of reference, one must be from an instructor.

Application date: Monday April 20, 2026.

**Submit to: Carrie Hitchcock-Esch
Waupaca County Master Gardeners
8550 16th Road
Almond, WI 54909
wcmgscholarship@gmail.com**

To Receive the Scholarship Funds

The scholarship payment will be issued to the recipient upon satisfactory completion of the first semester and submission of an official transcript, grades showing a GPA of 3.0 or higher and course enrollment for the second semester, sent to the WCMG Scholarship Chair. Address listed above.

Application Form

This application form and other required information must be submitted by **Monday April 20, 2026**. It can be typewritten or computer generated. Please feel free to create your own form as long as all the required information is included.

Personal information:

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Father's Name:

Address:

Mother's Name:

Address:

Educational information:

High School or College/Technical College Currently Attending:

College/Technical College Planning to Attending:

Statement of your vocational and educational plans:

Waupaca County Master Gardeners Scholarship Application Form (continued)

Personal essays: Please submit on a separate page(s)

1. Explain your involvement in community/school organizations, extra-curricular activities and any employment opportunities you have had.
(In addition to explaining your involvement with the organizations, please provide information as to how much time you have been involved with or volunteered in the activity. *For example: I have volunteered as a driver with meals on wheels for the past 2 years approximately 1 hour a month.*)

2. Please submit an essay of up to 500 words describing:
 - a. Why you want to enter the field of horticulture
 - b. Your future goals in horticulture and how you will make an impact on the horticulture industry.
 - c. Why do you think you should be chosen as the recipient of this award
 - d. Just for fun let us know your favorite plant.

Signature _____

Date _____