MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB ALICE T. MADDEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The scholarship program was named in memory of Alice T. Madden, a lifetime member, who was dedicated to assisting the youth of the Mount Washington Valley pursue a higher education in any of the "green" educational disciplines.

For the academic year 2024-2025 the Mountain Garden Club will offer a sum total of \$4800 in scholarships, available to high school graduates and post-secondary students. The program is open to residents of Mount Washington Valley, New Hampshire, including all towns served by Kennett High School and Fryeburg Academy (SAU9, SAU13, SAD72).

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The Mountain Garden Club offers financial aid to students and promotes study in the areas of: Agriculture Education, Environmental Science, Environmental Conservation, Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Forestry, Habitat or Forest Systems Ecology, Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects. The Mountain Garden Club Scholarship Committee must be contacted for applications made in any other related studies.

TERMS UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED:

- 1) Applications for scholarship become valid only when the Mountain Garden Club Scholarship Chairman has received the following materials.
 - a. Completed Application form with required signatures
 - b. Current official transcript of grades
 - c. SAR Report Part 1 Information Summary that states Estimated Family Contribution
 - d. Essay
 - e. Two letters of recommendation
- 2) THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2024 Applications must be mailed no later than March 31, 2024 to the address listed below on the application. Those received after the deadline date will not be considered.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u>: Applications are evaluated and recipients selected by the Mountain Garden Club Scholarship Committee. Final judging takes place at the beginning of May. All applicants will be notified in writing of the committee's decisions.

QUALIFICATION FOR PAYOUT: A grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 must be achieved.

Post-secondary students' scholarship awards will be mailed by Mountain Garden Club to the attending school to be used for the first semester of the current academic year.

Freshman college students must have their official first semester grades transcript submitted to Mountain Garden Club, P.O. Box 913, North Conway, NH 03860 no later than January 31st. Checks for these scholarship awards will be mailed to the attending school for use in the second semester of the current academic year. If the transcript has not been received by the deadline date of January 31st, the Mountain Garden Club will not give further consideration to the scholarship grant in question and said monies shall remain in the Alice T. Madden scholarship fund.

In the event that a student who received a scholarship grant from the Mountain Garden Club withdraws from school for any reason, or if the student changes his/her major to one other than an acceptable field of study prior to the award of the scholarship funds, said monies shall remain in the Alice T. Madden Scholarship Fund.

EACH APPLICATION WILL BE EVALUATED ON THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

ACADEMIC RECORD: A complete official transcript of grades is required. Emphasis

is placed on the strength of courses related to student's major

in horticulture or allied field.

APPLICANT'S ESSAY: Discussion of Essay question (see application form for topic).

(Limited to one typed or computer-generated page.)

RECOMMENDATIONS: Two (2) letters of recommendation are required. (Limited to

one typed or computer-generated page each.)

SAR REPORT – PART 1 Provide first page only with Estimated Family Contribution

INFORMATION SUMMARY (EFC).

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: When a student is reapplying for a scholarship (whether the applicant is, or is not, a previous scholarship winner) a new updated application must be submitted.

For any additional information, contact us by email at: info@mountaingardenclub.org
or you may write to: Mountain Garden Club, Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 913, North Conway, NH 03860



MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB Application Form For Alice T. Madden Scholarship Social Security # **Student Name** Town of Residence **Mailing Address** Phone: Email: Applicant lives with: Mother and Father □ Mother Father Guardian **Father's Name and Occupation** Mother's Name and Occupation Total number of dependents claimed by parents for IRS: Of these, how many will be attending college next year: Area of interest you plan to pursue: **Accepted Pending** Schools applied to or currently attending: Status: 1) 2) 3) Please list student's total savings: What is your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)? Please provide a copy of your SAR Report (only Part 1 Information Summary that states the EFC in the upper right-hand corner)

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT: Attach to this application.

Applicant Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature: (not required for students 18 or older)

SAR REPORT – PART 1 INFORMATION SUMMARY: Attach to this application.

REQUIRED ESSAY: Attach essay. All applicants are required to write an essay that answers the questions: "WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN REGARD TO YOUR CAREER GOALS FOLLOWING YOUR EDUCATION?" and "WHAT PERSON AND/OR EVENT IN YOUR LIFE INFLUENCED YOU IN THIS DIRECTION?" Not to exceed one typed or computer-generated page.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Attach letters. Two (2) one-page letters of recommendation are required.

Note: Application form, along with official transcript, SAR Report, essay and two (2) letters of recommendation must be mailed as **one packet** to the :MGC Scholarship Chairman at address below.

Application deadline: MARCH 31, 2024.

For any additional information, contact us by email at: info@mountaingardenclub.org or you may write to:

Mountain Garden Club, Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 913, North Conway, NH 03860