

## 2016 Memphis Area Master Gardener Scholarship

The Memphis Area Master Gardeners Association is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to graduating seniors interested in careers in agricultural, environmental sciences, horticultural, landscape architecture and related fields.

Requirements to qualify for the scholarship are as follows:

- Applicants must be residents of Shelby County.  
Applicants must be graduating seniors interested in secondary education in agricultural, environmental sciences, horticultural, landscape architecture and related fields.
- Applicants must provide an acceptance letter from their intended community college, college, or university.
- Applicants must provide a high school transcript with GPA, SAT and ACT test results.
- Children of major donors to MAMG are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- The scholarship will go directly to the Students school of choice upon enrollment.
- Student must provide contact information for the schools financial aid office including the students ID for the school.
- Age is not a criterion.
- Applicants must present two letters of recommendation. Letters may be from either a guidance counselor, agriculture/horticulture teacher, or an employer.
- A 300-500 word essay is required, including the following information:
  - Your education and academic achievements.
  - Why you are applying for this scholarship.
  - Groups or organizations in which you are or you have been an active member.
  - What role you have played in being a leader in your school or community.
  - Your volunteer service.
  - Your plans for your future education and career choice.
- Applicant must be willing to be interviewed by the scholarship selection committee.
- Recipient will be asked to perform 10 hours of community service for the Shelby County University of Tennessee/Tennessee State University Extension within 12 months of receipt of the scholarship.
- A scholarship committee will receive and review applications. Deadline for applications is March 14th. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2016.
- Scholarship recipient will attend the one evening Master Gardener Meeting to receive the scholarship.