



KAUFMAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

2026 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

A horticulture-related scholarship administered and awarded by the

Kaufman County Master Gardener Association

Award amount: **\$1,000 per Recipient**

The Texas Master Gardeners is a volunteer organization within the Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service. The purpose of the Master Gardener program is to increase the availability of horticultural information and improve the quality of life of local residents through horticultural projects, activities and education. The Kaufman County Master Gardeners Association is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

The goal of the KCMGA scholarship is to provide the opportunity for graduating high school senior student residents of Kaufman County to study horticulture or related sciences at their chosen college or university.

1. Applicant Qualifications

- A. The KCMGA scholarship is open to graduating 2026 high school seniors currently residing in Kaufman County who attend a public or private Kaufman County High School. Application is open to high school graduating senior students regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, gender, disability or national origin.
- B. The applicant's elected academic major must be in a horticulture/life science related field that includes, but is not limited to horticulture, agriculture, biology, botany, agriculture chemistry, entomology, environmental science, forestry, genetics, landscape design, sustainable agriculture, urban geography, land management, plant physiology, and horticulture-related business.

Horticulturists may work in industry, in government agencies or entities, educational institutions, or in private nurseries or gardens. They may be managers for floriculture or horticulture-related businesses, landscape architects, turf specialists, golf course managers, plant geneticists, arborists, irrigation managers, crop inspectors, research scientists, and/or teachers.

2. Application and Award Procedures:

A. Applicant must complete the **Application Form** entirely and **submit all documents listed below**.

1. An **original essay** of 300-500 words, clearly and concisely written by the applicant, titled “Why I Want to Study Horticulture or a Related Life Science Field.” This essay should include the applicant’s reason for applying for this scholarship and career objectives.
2. A list of volunteer activities, leadership and work experience, if any, and position(s) held.
3. A list of horticulture-related projects or activities with which applicant has been involved.
4. Two letters of recommendation from someone who knows the applicant well, other than a relative.
5. An **official** copy of the applicant’s academic transcript

B. Application deadline: **March 31, 2026**

IMPORTANT: The application must be completed AND submitted by March 31. An application is not complete until all items listed above, including letters of recommendation and transcript are received.

Application submission must be by one of the following:

-Hand-delivered to the Kaufman County AgriLife Extension Office by 5:00 pm March 31, 2026,
or
-Via USPS, receipt at the Kaufman County AgriLife Extension Office by 5:00 pm, March 31, 2026.

Kaufman County AgriLife Extension Services
attn: KCMGA Scholarship Committee
2471 SH-34
Kaufman, TX 75142

- C. The scholarship award will be determined based upon the application and submitted documents.
- D. The successful applicant will be notified no later than April 17, 2026 and the applicant’s picture and brief bio will be published on the KCMGA website.
- E. Scholarship funds will be sent to the successful applicant’s college/university.



KAUFMAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2026 APPLICATION FORM

Instructions: This form and all other required documents detailed in the Scholarship Guidelines must be delivered or mailed to: Kaufman County AgriLife Extension, attn: KCMGA Scholarship Committee, 2471 SH 34, Kaufman, TX 75142. All application materials must be received by 5:00 pm on March 31, 2026.

Personal Information

Full Name	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Education

High School (name and city)	
High School Graduation Date:	
Planned College/University (name, city state)	
Planned field of Major in College	

Parent / Guardian Signature

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2026 Kaufman County Master Gardener Scholarship application process:

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent/Guardian Address:	
Parent/Guardian Signature	

Applicant Signature

I certify that I am a resident of Kaufman County and that all the information in my application package is true, that the application is made with the intent of majoring in a horticulture-related discipline, as defined in the Kaufman County Master Gardener Scholarship Guidelines document.

Applicant Signature	
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