

SOUTHEAST ALASKA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be offered for 2010 high school graduates and for previous Master Gardeners scholarship recipients.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this scholarship program of the Southeast Alaska Master Gardeners Association is to support further education of high school graduates in any of the following fields: **agriculture, agronomy, biology, botany, environmental science, floriculture, forestry, habitat management, horticulture, land management, and landscape design.**

ELIGIBILITY

For the first time this year previous recipients, who have made satisfactory progress in their studies, may apply for scholarships to continue their education in any of the fields listed above.

Each applicant must:

- graduate from high school in or before 2010
- be a resident of Southeast Alaska
- plan to be a full-time student enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school focusing on one of the fields listed above
- submit a completed application by 4:30 PM, Friday, May 7, 2010

APPLICATION

A completed application consists of the following:

- Completed scholarship application form
- Applicant's personal essay (1000 words or less)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of official high school transcript for new applicants; or copy of postsecondary school transcript for previous Master Gardeners scholarship recipients

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 4:30 PM, Friday, May 7, 2010

SUBMIT TO:

**Master Gardener Scholarship Program
Cooperative Extension Service
1108 F Street, Suite 213
Juneau, AK 99801
FAX (907) 796-6301**

Note: If the scholarship application, personal essay, resume, two letters of recommendation, and transcript are not received by the deadline, the application will not be considered. Please make sure each page includes your name. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Barton at 907-364-3153.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF APPLICANT

- 30% Personal essay about your planned field of study
- 25% Letters of recommendation, academic ability, and potential for success
- 20% Financial need
- 25% Community service and extracurricular activities

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

Once the application closing date has passed, the Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate the applicants and select the scholarship recipients. The committee will be comprised of an odd number (not less than three) Master Gardeners Association members including the Scholarship Committee Chair. An alternate committee member will be selected in the event of an absence of a committee member or if a conflict of interest between a committee member and any of the applicants should arise.

Once all scholarship applications have been received, the committee chair will distribute copies of the applications to all committee members for review. After committee members have reviewed the applications, the committee will meet to complete the evaluation process. Applying the criteria listed above, the committee will select two recipients.

Juneau recipients will be presented the scholarship certificate at their high school awards ceremony if graduating in 2010. All other scholarship recipients will be notified by mail. All applicants who did not receive scholarships will be sent letters of acknowledgment.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients shall enroll full-time in the post-secondary school of their choice. After registration, a **copy of the school registration form** shall be submitted to:

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Juneau, AK 99801**

Scholarship checks will be issued **after** the Master Gardener Association has been notified of the student's enrollment in school. If special circumstances require payment of the award prior to school registration, the Scholarship Selection Committee may authorize earlier payment; however, a copy of the registration form must be submitted to the Southeast Alaska Master Gardeners Association as soon as possible.

A scholarship recipient may delay entering post-secondary school for up to one year. In this case, the recipient must notify the Southeast Master Gardeners Association by January 1, 2011.

If the first year of the post-secondary school is not completed, the full amount of the scholarship must be reimbursed to the Southeast Alaska Master Gardeners.

CONTACTS

SOUTHEAST ALASKA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION:

Sharon Barton Scholarship Fund Chair 907-364-3153

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE:

Administrative Secretary 907-796-6281

SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION FORM
SOUTHEAST ALASKA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Names and ages of brothers and sisters: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Are you a previous scholarship recipient? _____ No _____ Yes _____ Year
or

When did you or when will you graduate high school? _____ Month _____ Year

Your high school or postsecondary school transcript must be attached.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Post-secondary school you plan to attend: _____

Estimated cost for the first year of post-secondary education; or for previous scholarship recipients, the estimated cost of the next year of post-secondary education:

Tuition: _____

Travel: _____

Room and board: _____

Books and fees: _____

Other: _____

Anticipated funding from the following sources:

Parental or other assistance: _____

Loans: _____

Summer work: _____

Part-time work: _____

Other resources (Trusts, Scholarships, Insurance, etc.): _____

Briefly describe your financial plan for completing your education:

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Alaska Cooperative Extension Office,
Master Gardeners Scholarship Program
1108 F Street, Suite 213
Juneau, AK 99801

Or by fax to 907-796-6301

PERSONAL ESSAY

Applicant's Name: _____

In no more than 1000 words describe your hopes and dreams for your future. Discuss your educational and other personal goals, planned field of study, and your plans for utilizing your education after you receive your degree. Include the reasons you have chosen your field of study, a discussion of your community service work and extracurricular activities, and why you should be selected for this scholarship. This essay is an important aspect of your scholarship evaluation.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY ON THIS PAGE (attach an additional page if necessary).

Your personal essay must be submitted with your completed application form, two letters of recommendation, and transcripts to the **Alaska Cooperative Extension Office, Master Gardeners Scholarship Program, 1108 F Street, Suite 213, Juneau, AK 998801, or by fax to 907- 796-6301. The deadline for application is 4:30pm, Friday, April 30, 2010.**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Name: _____

APPLICANT: Two letters of recommendation are required. Give these forms to a teacher, teaching assistant, employer, former employer, counselor, or minister who knows you well and can evaluate your academic ability and potential. Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted. The two letters of recommendation must be submitted with your completed scholarship application form, essay, and transcripts to the **Alaska Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners Scholarship Program, 1108 F Street, Suite 213, Juneau, AK 99801, or FAX 907-796-6301, by 4:30 PM, Friday, May 9, 2008.**

TO THE RECOMMENDER: This student is applying for a scholarship from the Southeast Alaska Master Gardeners Association. Please describe his/her strengths, whether in academic achievement, leadership, or character. Comment on any other characteristics that you think are important for the scholarship selection committee to consider. Support your statements with your personal experience with the applicant. Address any circumstances that would cause the student's academic record to not reflect his/her true abilities. The letter of recommendation is to be submitted by the applicant. If you prefer the recommendation be kept confidential, you may return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Use an additional page or the back of this form if necessary.

In addition to your written comments, please rate this applicant for overall potential:

Below average ___ Average ___ Above average ___ Outstanding ___ Exceptional ___

Recommender's name: _____

Position or title: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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