

Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association

2026 Non-Traditional Scholarship for Horticulture related Major



The mission of the Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association is to promote and teach sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape education programs.

Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association serves communities throughout Augusta County VA, Rockingham County VA, and the cities and towns therein.

The 2026 scholarship award to a non-traditional student is \$2500. Notification will occur in mid-April 2026. The award will be disbursed directly to the educational institution the applicant will be attending.

Scholarship Eligibility Applicant must be:

- A resident of Rockingham County VA, Augusta County VA or the cities and towns therein,
- A non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which their formal education was interrupted, or a student who is just beginning their education at a later point in life,
- Pursuing post-secondary education focused on the world of plants. This could include, but not be limited to horticulture, landscaping, forestry, agriculture, etc.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Completed Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association Scholarship Application,
- Three (3) personal references, none from family members, and
- High school transcript, college transcript (if applicable)

Scholarship Application & Reference Forms are also available at: csvmga.org

Application, references, and transcript must be mailed all together in one envelope and postmarked by March 15, 2026.

They should be sent to:

CSVMA, Attn: Scholarship Committee
965 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Or emailed to:

csmga.vol.coor@gmail.com

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**Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association
2026 Scholarship Application**

Please type or print neatly:

First, Middle and Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

High School Name & Location: _____

If you have attended a post-secondary school provide its name & location: _____

List interests, activities and awards. (Limit response to space provided below)

List the three people providing your references. (Recommendation forms are attached)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Write a personal statement, not to exceed one page, about your experiences with plants, your planned study and career goals. This may be included on the back of this page or on a separate sheet of paper.

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Recommendation Form
Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association Scholarship
(Three Required)

Applicant's Name _____

Your Name _____ Position/Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please attach a letter of reference indicating the unique factors that make the applicant especially worthy of scholarship support.

Signature _____ Date _____

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