

# Elmhurst Garden Club

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## College Scholarship Information and 2025 Application Form

The Goal of the Elmhurst Garden Club College Scholarship Program is to encourage and support education, research, and teaching careers in the general areas of study listed below. Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Garden Walk & Faire which takes place annually on the second Sunday of July. Over the past 26 years the Elmhurst Garden Club has awarded more than 119 college scholarships.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

**Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Current Resident of the State of Illinois
- Full-time student enrolled in a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes.
- **University Students:** current sophomores or juniors applying for scholarship for use in junior or senior year.
- **Community College Students:** 1st year students applying for scholarship in subsequent years of study.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Majoring in one of the following areas of study or preparing for teaching careers in these areas:

--Agriculture	--Ecology	--Horticulture
--Agronomy	--Environmental Studies	--Land Management
--Botany	--Floriculture	--Landscape Design
--Conservation	--Forestry	--Nursery Management

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- The documents listed in the application checklist chart below must be submitted.  
All of the documents must be:
  1. Mailed to: Scholarship Committee, Elmhurst Garden Club, P.O. Box 383, Elmhurst, IL 60126, or,
  2. Emailed to: [egcscholarships2020@gmail.com](mailto:egcscholarships2020@gmail.com)
- Application Deadline:

**Postmarked by June 1, 2025, or emailed by 11:59PM on June 1, 2025.**

### SELECTION INFORMATION

- Scholarship selection is made by the Scholarship Committee of the Elmhurst Garden Club in June of the year preceding the year of study. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email shortly thereafter but not later than, June 15, 2025.
- Scholarship funds awarded will be applied to tuition payments and will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the student's college or university to be applied to tuition for the following academic year in the semester of the students choice.
- If awarded a scholarship, the student agrees to:
  1. Send or email a Letter of Acceptance to the Elmhurst Garden Club.
  2. Attend the subsequent March Meeting of the Elmhurst Garden Club to present a short verbal and Power Point presentation about their studies, research, and activities related to their major area of study and future career or education plans.
  3. Give permission for the garden club to use their photo for Elmhurst Garden Club Scholarship Publicity.

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## APPLICATION CHART and CHECKLIST

- All documentation listed below must be included as part of your application.
- All pages must be legible and preferably computer generated.
- All pages must include your full name.

[1.]	Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Application Form.</li> </ul>	
[2.]	Cover Letter/ Personal Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss background, interest in major areas of study and description of your involvement in these areas.</li> <li>• Discuss career plans/goals.</li> </ul>	
[3.]	List of Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List all classes completed in your Major and Minor fields of study.</li> </ul>	
[4.]	List of Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List to include organized extracurricular activities, clubs, organizations, indicating leadership roles if applicable.</li> <li>• List honors and recognitions, received within the last three years.</li> <li>• Students returning to school after an absence can list work experience and activities.</li> </ul>	
[5.]	List of Work and Volunteer Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe work and/or volunteer activities related to your major area of study during the past three years.</li> </ul>	
[6.]	Two Letters of Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One letter from a Professor/Instructor.</li> <li>• One letter from a mentor or person familiar with your work and interests.</li> <li>• Letters should discuss scholastic ability, personal character, and work-related experience.</li> </ul>	
[7.]	Transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official academic transcript from the school you are currently attending as well as from any previous undergraduate schools.</li> <li>• Transcripts must include the latest grading period.</li> </ul>	

For questions email [egcscholarships2020@gmail.com](mailto:egcscholarships2020@gmail.com).

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## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home (Current/Legal/Permanent) Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State —Illinois Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Email \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Department Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year in School at Time of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current College Financial Aid Office \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, I will attend the Meet the Scholars' Lunch on Monday, March 2, 2026, and present a short program to members of the Elmhurst Garden Club about my education, research, activities and career plans related to my major area of study. And I give permission for my photo to be used in local Elmhurst Garden Club Scholarship Publicity.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(3/3) 2025