**Maryville Garden Club Scholarship Award**

The Maryville Garden Club has established a scholarship award to directly support our aims: “To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs; to aid in the protection of native trees, plants and birds; and to encourage civic planting.” The purpose is to encourage young people to pursue and expand their interest in these areas and to engage with a local garden club.

One scholarship in the amount of **$500** will be awarded each year, to be applied by the recipient toward courses at a post-secondary institution.

**Candidate Eligibility**

* Candidate must be a graduating high school senior in good standing and must be currently enrolled in a high school in Nodaway County, Missouri.
* Candidate must be enrolling in a college, university, trade school, or other institution of higher learning in the fall of the year of graduation from high school. **(Funds will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution.)**

The recipient is asked to attend the May meeting of the Maryville Garden Club at which the scholarship certificate will be presented. Meetings are usually held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Maryville. If the recipient cannot attend this meeting, they are **highly encouraged** to attend at least one other meeting of the Maryville Garden Club or a special event such as a garden tour, a work day, flower show, or sale during the scholarship year (May through December).

**Application Deadline – April 1**. Applications will be processed upon receipt via US Postal Service of this form fully completed and signed, along with the required supporting essays. All information provided is kept confidential and used solely by the Maryville Garden Club to determine eligibility for the scholarship. Recipients will be notified by April 30, and the scholarship will be announced during the May meeting of the Maryville Garden Club. **Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution.**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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County \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ High School attending \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary institution in which student will enroll for the coming fall (name and address):

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Planned courses or major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please include the following in typed format (12-point Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier Font):

1. An essay (250 words minimum) that describes an environmental issue and why it is important to you.
2. A paragraph (100 words minimum) detailing your own interest and involvement with gardening and related activities (home or civic planting, protection of native plants, birding, etc., whether at home or at school), and how this scholarship award will impact your future.

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 *Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***(By signing this document, you affirm that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and that you have yourself written the required essay and paragraph without substantial help from anyone, including electronic help.)***

*High School Counselor’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Please print your counselor’s name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Send completed application form and essays in one envelope to: Maryville Garden Club Scholarship Committee, 416 Lisa Lane, Maryville, MO 64468. For questions or more information, email: nmhardee@gmail.com. Please allow a 24-hour response time.*