



2025 WGCF - Madison District Scholarship Information

Dear Candidate:

The Wisconsin Garden Club Federation (WGCF) is the largest volunteer gardening organization in Wisconsin. It is a non-profit organization, founded in 1928, to stimulate the knowledge of gardening, the protection of trees, wildflowers, birds, and natural areas, and to promote civic beautification.

The purpose of this scholarship is to advance a graduating high school student's pursuit toward a degree in **a horticulture-related field of study such as landscape design, botany, conservation, forestry, or environmental studies**. Academic proficiency and an active extra-curricular record are advantageous.

The completed scholarship application form plus three recommendation forms are required – two from educators who are familiar with your academic achievement; the other from an adult of your choice.

Attach an essay (no more than one page) entitled **“A Growing Interest”** discussing the basis for your choice of study.

An official copy of your academic transcript is to be sent separately **by the high school guidance counselor** to the Scholarship Committee by the application deadline. Please make sure they have sent it to me.

\$1,000.00 and a possible additional contribution from individuals will be awarded to the recipient based on the application and review of the aforementioned criteria and the successful completion of their first semester of college, **as evidenced by our receipt of an official college transcript, a copy of the registration for next semester, AND a letter by the student explaining how the semester went.**

All the required application items are to be postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to me, Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Karen Lee-Wahl
WGCF – Madison District Scholarship Committee
901 Maple Road, Verona, WI 53593
608-334-7516

2025 WGCF- Madison District Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email Address of Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Parent(s) _____

High School: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

List three recommendations: (Provide them with the appropriate forms)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

College or university you plan to attend in the academic year of 2025-2026:

Have you been accepted? _____

Intended Major or Career goal? _____

Are you employed part-time? _____ If yes, how many hours per week? _____

Place of employment: _____

Job responsibilities: _____

List significant school activities –leadership positions, honors, recognitions, etc.

9th Grade _____

10th Grade _____

11th Grade: _____

12th Grade _____

List Community activities you have been involved in during high school:

9th Grade _____

10th Grade _____

11th Grade _____

12th Grade _____

ESSAY: Attach an essay (no more than one page) entitled

“A Growing Interest”, addressing any number of the following themes:

1. Reasons for pursuing a horticulture-related career.
2. Inspiration(s) for your decision.
3. Talents or qualities you will bring to the profession
4. Direction in which your career path will take you in the future.

The essay should be one page, typed, double-spaced and with your signature.

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The information provided in the previous pages and the attachments are to be considered my application for the Madison District Wisconsin Garden Club Federation Scholarship.

I have requested that high school guidance department send my most recent transcripts.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Mail completed scholarship application to:

Karen Lee-Wahl, Chair
WGCF-Madison District Scholarship Committee
901 Maple Road
Verona, Wisconsin 53593
608-334-7516

Postmark deadline: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

2025 WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION - MADISON DISTRICT -
SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

To: _____
(Name of recommender)

I am applying for a scholarship from the WGCFF-Madison District. Because I feel you know me well, I would appreciate a recommendation from you.

FROM: _____
Applicant's Signature

Name of Applicant (print)

Please check the single most appropriate:

	No basis for judgment	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Motivation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Creativity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-discipline	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Growth potential	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self- confidence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Concern for others	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Energy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reaction to setbacks	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect accorded by peer...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect accorded by other...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what context have you known the applicant? _____

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe the applicant? _____

Please add comments that would give evidence of the applicant's academic and/or personal qualities and promise. (You may use back of this sheet or a separate page.)

Signature: _____ Position: _____

Mail to: **(Postmark deadline: Tuesday, April 1, 2025)**
Karen Lee-Wahl, Chairperson; WGCFF-Madison District - Scholarship Committee
901 Maple Road, Verona, WI 53593

Phone: 608-334-7516