Purpose
Bexar County Master Gardeners, Inc., a non-profit, trained volunteer organization, is a component of Texas AgriLife Extension Service that promotes volunteer horticultural education and service to the community. As part of our mission, Bexar County Master Gardener (BCMG) is offering two $2000 scholarships for the 2016-17 academic years. The scholarship is funded through plant sales in cooperation with the Bexar County Horticulture Agent and gifts from Master Gardeners, friends, and associates of BCMG. It is our intention to provide financial support to an undergraduate or graduate student at a Texas college or university who is pursuing a degree in Horticultural Sciences, Landscape Design, Turfgrass Management, or any affiliated “Green Industry” area.

Administration
General administration of the Bexar County Master Gardeners Scholarship is under the direction of the Scholarship Committee of the BCMG, which will evaluate all scholarship applications make notifications by June, 2016. Contact BCMGs scholarships@bexarmg.org with questions or for more information.

Qualifications
The applicant must:

● be a Texas resident
● be at sophomore level (24 credit hours) or above, with at least a 2.8 GPA
● be studying on a full-time basis during the 2016-17 academic years at a Texas institution. (“Full-time” enrollment is defined as a minimum of 12 hours for an undergraduate, 9 hours for a graduate student.)
● major in Horticultural Sciences, Landscape Design, TurfGrass Management, or related area

This is a merit-based scholarship. Financial need will only be considered when qualifications are otherwise nearly equal.

Additional Information
The award will be paid in two installments: $1000 at the beginning of the fall semester and $1000 in the spring. The recipient is required to maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.8 and be a full-time student during each semester covered by the award. Proof that the recipient has met these standards will be required before the second semester’s award is disbursed. Bexar County Master Gardeners, Inc. reserves the right to withhold unpaid portions of the scholarship if the recipient fails to meet the requirements
APPLICATION

Instructions
● Complete the application form. All pages should be filled out entirely.
● Attach at least two typed or printed letters of recommendation. One letter must be from an instructor in your field.
  Other letter(s) may be from any of the following: recent employer, club advisor, church leader, or any other qualified person, excluding a family member.
● Attach college transcripts in a sealed envelope. You must submit a transcript which includes your most recent semester.
● Return completed application and required supporting documentation to:
  Scholarship Committee
  Bexar County Master Gardeners, Inc.
  3355 Cherry Ridge Drive, Suite 208
  San Antonio, TX 78230-4818

● DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 30, 2016

Personal Data
Name: __________________________________________________________________________
Current Address: __________________________City________________________________________
State: __________________________ Zip: ____________________ Phone: ____________________
Permanent Address: __________________________City___________________________________
State: __________________________ Zip: ____________________ Phone: ____________________
Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Have you been a member of 4H or FFA at any time? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, describe your involvement.
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Do you personally know a member of the Bexar County Master Gardeners or Texas Master Gardeners?
_____ Yes ______ No If yes, include name here: __________________________________________
If asked to give a horticulture or related presentation to the Bexar County Master Gardeners, would you accept? ______ Yes ______ No. If yes, please briefly describe the nature of your presentation.
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Would you apply for or accept an internship with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service?
Yes___ No ___ During the school year or during the summer? ____________________________

Educational Background

Name of school now attending: ____________________________________________________________

_______ Two Year College ___________ Four Year College

_______ Graduate School ____________ Five Year Program

Name of school planning to attend in the fall: ______________________________________________

Transfer students: Have you been formally accepted to this school? ____________________________
(If so, please include a copy of your acceptance letter.)

Major: ___________________ Proposed major or formally declared? ____________

Minor or area of specialization:

Year currently in school: ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Fifth Year ___ Graduate student

How many years in college: ____________ Expected date of graduation: ________________

Total number of college hours completed: ______________

Number of hours currently carrying: ______________

Overall Grade Point Average: ___________ Grade Point Average in major: _______________

Please list all colleges attended:

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Activities/Interests

Please list any civic awards, honors, scholarships, or involvement in community service. You may also attach photographs of any horticultural or landscape project you have completed or designed.
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Extra-Curricular School Activities:

Work Experience:
List all your work experience, whether or not related to chosen field of study. You may attach a resume.

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Special Consideration (OPTIONAL): This is a merit-based scholarship. Financial need will only be considered when qualifications are otherwise equal.

Describe any circumstances of the applicant or guardian which might be considered a financial hardship or otherwise warrant special consideration for this scholarship.

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Statement of Goals:
Please state in 500 words or less your occupational goals. Include any background in horticultural related areas you feel is relevant.

Signature: ______________________________________  Date: ___________________