Suffolk Extension Master Gardeners Association

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Scholarship Application Form Instructions

1. This document is to affirm the establishment of the Suffolk Extension Master Gardeners Association Scholarship. The objective is to assist in the education of a student’s career in areas related to the goals of the Association, dedicated to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management as an educational outreach of Virginia Cooperative Extension.

2. The following criteria shall be met to determine eligibility of an Applicant to receive the Scholarship.

a. The student must be a graduate of a Suffolk Public High School or home school with residence in Suffolk.

b. The student must have maintained a good academic standing, 3.0 overall g.p.a. or above, and have been accepted into or currently attending an accredited college, university, or technical school, pursing an appropriate course of study. Appropriate courses for student therefore must stress subjects related to horticulture, conservation, or the environment.

c. It is preferred that the student has been active in environmental and conservation concerns; i.e. Biology Club, Environmental Club, Future Teacher Club, 4H, BSA, GSA, Save the Bay, Hope of Suffolk, NRPA, etc.

d. The student shall be strong in traits which amplify high moral character, such as honesty, reliability, perseverance, self-control, courage, and the concern for others and the environment.

e. It is understood that if the recipient should voluntarily discontinue his or her studies or be dismissed for any reason before the end of the first school year, the parents/or guardian and the student agree to reimburse the total grant to the Suffolk Master Gardener Association. The Scholarship Committee may waive reimbursement if it determines that circumstances warrant it.

f. Additional scholarships may be applied for, allowing the same student to be the recipient in consecutive years.

g. Financial need is not the sole consideration for awarding this grant.

3. Application Submission Requirements (an incomplete application will be considered invalid).

It is preferred that you enter data directly into this PDF form and save/email it to our chapter mailbox shown below, however, you can print a blank form and fill it in with a pen non-cursively and submit it to our PO box instead.

a. Application form Sheet#1 – Personal Contact Information.

b. Application form Sheet#2—Honors and Extracurricular activities, Work History, and Career Plans.

c. Application form Sheet#3—Essay “How would this scholarship benefit me and How does horticulture fit into my future plans.”

d. Student's current grade transcript.

e. Two letters of reference (preferably emails to our mailbox), from persons unrelated to the student who can speak of the student's character, leadership, and academic ability. One of these must be from a school counselor or teacher.

4. Deadline for email submissions requirement is that they must be sent to our email by April 1st. For hardcopy submissions, requirement is that they must be postmarked by April 1st to this address:

Att: Scholarship Committee Chairman

Suffolk VCE Master Gardeners

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The scholarship committee will review all applications and make the selection by May 1st. Presentation to the recipient will be made at the June member meeting. If you have questions, please contact the Scholarship committee chairman for more information at SuffolkMG@gmail.com.