



**The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. Scholarships
2026-2027 Academic Year**

The Garden Club of Kentucky is proud of its long history of supporting the education of college students by offering scholarships to eligible students. To apply for a scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a RESIDENT of Kentucky
2. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student for the 2026-2027 year.
3. Attend a Kentucky university with an accredited program.
4. Major in agriculture education, floriculture, horticulture, plant pathology, landscape design, botany, biology, forestry, habitat or forest/system ecology, environmental concerns, City (urban and rural) planning, agronomy, wildlife science, environmental concerns, land management and/or related subjects.
5. Submit application to the GCKY State Scholarship Chairman by February 2, 2026.

SCALE OF POINTS USED FOR EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS:

Academic record	40%
Applicant's letter	25%
Extracurricular, Honors, Work experiences	13%
Financial need	15%
Recommendation	5%
Conformance	2%

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 2, 2026. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 1.

Mail completed form to the GCKY State Scholarship Chairman

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Additional forms can be found at gcky.org/awards

FINANCIAL NEED FOR 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR (both semesters) – (This is held in confidence)

EXPENSES

RESOURCES

Tuition	_____	School year earnings	_____
Books/supplies	_____	Family assistance	_____
Rent/utilities	_____	Grants/scholarships	_____
Food	_____	Loans	_____
Clothing	_____	Savings	_____
Personal Expense	_____	Other (specify)	_____
Transportation	_____		
Other (specify)	_____		
TOTAL:	_____	TOTAL:	_____

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You may use a separate sheet to list these:

Extra-curricular activities: List school, community, civic, and others

Organization:	Year:	Leadership position held:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Awards, honors, scholarships and recognitions you have received:

Organization:	Year:	Award received:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Position:	Year:	Responsibilities:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please include 2 letters of recommendation from 2 professors that address your scholastic abilities, personal character, and work-related experience of the applicant. This must be typed or computer generated and each recommendation should be on the front side only (limited to one page per recommendation).

Please include a signed, personal letter discussing your goals, background, financial need, and commitment to your chosen field of study, and any other information you feel would assist the Scholarship Committee. This must be typed or computer generated , front side only.

Please include an up-to-date transcript through fall 2025 with the latest grading period included.

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient:

1. You will be asked to submit a photo for publication in “The Bulletin”, a publication of The Garden Club of Kentucky.
2. You will be invited to be a guest at a luncheon at The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.’s state meeting in April, during which scholarship recipients will be honored.