



2024 Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association (BMGA) Scholarship *Austin, Colorado, Fayette, & Washington Counties* Scholarship Guidelines



The Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association (BMGA) is a contingency of Master Volunteers who serve the Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington County area in support of horticulture education for both youth and adults. Their mission is to serve as an extension of the local County Extension Offices, assisting with learning opportunities for anyone with an interest in horticulture. They have generously provided scholarship funds to support the 2024 BMGA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. This scholarship is being offered to one eligible recipient per county for Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington counties.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be an active 4-H and/or FFA member in good standing from Austin, Colorado, Fayette, or Washington County.
 - Signed certification from County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Science Teacher required.
- Applicant must be a May 2024 graduate from a high school in one of the eligible counties.
 - Open to public, private, and homeschool students provided they can produce an official transcript.
- Applicant must attend an institution of higher education; university, college, or technical school beginning Fall 2024.

Application Process

Application must include the following to be considered:

- Completed Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association Scholarship Application Form.
 - Must include signed statement of certification from County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Science Teacher.
 - Must include signed application certification statement.
- Copy of official high school transcript (must include fall semester grades and have stamp and/or seal).
- Proof of acceptance to university, college, or technical school for Fall 2024 (i.e. letter, email, etc.).

Final Decisions

- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- All committee decisions are final.

Redeeming Scholarship

Recipients are required to attend a Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association meeting to share an update with the membership to receive scholarship payment. BMGA meetings are held monthly and rotate between the four counties. If selected, you will receive the dates and locations. Stacie Villarreal (stacie.villarreal@ag.tamu.edu) will be the point of contact and facilitate arranging this opportunity for each recipient. Additionally, a handwritten thank you note must be addressed to the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association and mailed to the Austin County Extension Office (1 E Main St., Bellville, TX 77418).

Applications must be completed in full and submitted online no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to:
<https://austin.agrilife.org/bmga-scholarship/>

Applications are furnished by the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association to the County Extension Agents in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington Counties. For additional information, please feel free to contact your local County Extension Office and speak with the Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent or the Austin County Extension Agent, Stacie Villarreal, at (979) 865-2072 or via e-mail at stacie.villarreal@ag.tamu.edu.