

**O'FALLON GARDEN CLUB 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- I. The 2025-2026 O'Fallon Garden Club Scholarship is open to
 - a. high school students who are planning to pursue a career in a plant-related discipline, such as agronomy, agricultural studies, floriculture, horticulture, landscaping, botany, biology, forestry, plant pathology/science, city/rural/urban planning, ecology, environmental studies, etc. and
 - b. full or part-time community college, college or university students who are pursuing the same careers.
- II. All applications must include:
 - a. applicant's name, complete mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number and signature and,
 - b. statement of the applicant's intent to enroll in a university/college/community college for the 2026 fall semester,
 - c. letter of recommendation on official school letterhead from a faculty member currently employed by a high school, university, college or junior college. The letter should discuss the candidate's academic achievement, character, and ability to meet goals,
 - d. brief statement by the candidate of:
 - i. academic and personal goals,
 - ii. experience in plant-related activities or inspiration that led candidate to plant related interests, and
 - iii. financial need.
- III. Preference will be given to applicants who are residents of the City of O'Fallon or the Village of Shiloh or who are currently attending or have graduated from O'Fallon Township High School. Those seeking preference should provide proof of current status as an O'Fallon Township High School senior or past graduation from O'Fallon High School or proof of O'Fallon or Shiloh residency by a copy of the applicant's Illinois driver's license or other document.
- IV. APPLICATION DEADLINE: All materials must be submitted online via the O'Fallon Garden Club's web site no later than March 1, 2026. Materials submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
- V. If the O'Fallon Garden Club Scholarship Committee receives an application that is acceptable, one \$2,500 scholarship will be announced on April 1, 2026, and will be presented to the candidate at the O'Fallon Garden Club's April meeting. The check will be made payable jointly to the winner and the university/college/junior college where the candidate is enrolled upon proof of enrollment.