



The Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program

Contact: Stacey Smith, Publicity

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

540-481-3967

nsvmgapublicity@gmail.com

Master Gardeners Offer \$1,000 in Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

WOODSTOCK, VA (February 8, 2015) - The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association will award five \$200 scholarships to 2015 graduating seniors in the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Students can receive an application packet at their high schools or by visiting www.nsvmga.org.

The goal of the scholarships is to encourage students to focus on a horticulturally related field while attending college and to continue volunteering and supporting their communities. Scholarship eligibility is based on academic achievement, with a focus on coursework in agriculture, horticulture, and other related sciences. Additional eligibility criteria include student volunteerism and membership (preferably related to agricultural or horticultural organizations, such as FFA or 4-H, but also including school, church, or community-based organizations), as well as an interest in pursuing a career in agriculture, horticulture, or other related sciences. Letters of recommendation and a letter outlining the student's goals and reasons he or she deserves the scholarship are also required.

Application packets are available at all Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren high schools, as well as on the Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association website, <http://nsvmga.org/nsvmga-scholarships>, and must be submitted by March 31, 2015. Contact Lynn Hoffmann, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at gwendydog@gmail.com with any questions.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association (www.nsvmga.org) serves the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren. Extension Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management, education, and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Extension Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.



Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech • Virginia State University

www.ext.vt.edu

Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension work, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia State University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating. Edwin J. Jones, Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg; Jewel E. Hairston, Administrator, 1890 Extension Program, Virginia State, Petersburg.