

## Criteria for Student Awards from the Maryland Greenhouse Growers Association (MGGA)

These following criteria should be considered for the MGGA Horticultural Scholarships

### A. Academics

1. Grade point minimum of **3.0**
2. A minimum of **6 academic credits in Horticultural** course work per year.
3. Student must furnish the committee with official academic **transcript records**.
4. Student needs to submit **three** academic recommendations that speak to their academic record.

### B. Personal

1. A one page essay (1000 words to 1500 words) from the student identifying interest in Horticulture, academic and professional plans.
2. Include in the letter what community service has been performed by the scholarship candidate.

### C. Professional

1. **Experience** working in the industry will be weighed in the favor of the candidate. Candidates must provide proof of employment in the horticulture industry.
2. **Recommendation** from a horticultural business from which they were employed will enhance the application.



In February of each year the Maryland Greenhouse Growers Association cooperates with the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association in conducting a 2 day seminar for the horticulture industry. On the first day of conference all recipients of awards will be introduced to the membership. All recipients of MGGA scholarships will be requested to attend Chesapeake Green and give a short presentation on what course work they are taking, employment history in the green industry, and any interesting projects the student is working on in the horticulture field.

The MGGA board members would like to have a semi-annual report sent to the Maryland Greenhouse Growers Association Board of Directors [mdgga1@gmail.com](mailto:mdgga1@gmail.com) , providing a report of course work progress during the year that the scholarship is granted.