

CLARKSTON GARDEN CLUB 2025 SCHOLARSHIP FORM



Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors intending to continue their education in a 2 or 4 year college or university program and who live in the Clarkston area* may apply for a scholarship with this application form. Students with family members in the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

*The Clarkston area is defined as the Clarkston Community Schools attendance area, but private or homeschooled students living within the attendance area may apply.

Number of scholarships and amount vary yearly. (in the past \$1,000 , \$1,500, \$2,000)

Major: Open to all majors

Minimum GPA: not required

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, a 501c3 non-profit organization which has worked to improve the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township through beautification and education for over 70 years.

The club, which was initiated in 1948, provides education and beautification efforts in the Clarkston community.

The club provides mini grants to teachers, student assemblies and college scholarships for students. Clarkston Farm and Garden Club plants and takes care of the Clarkston Independence District Library gardens, the Clarkston Village planters, and holds a Perennial Plant Exchange for the community, yearly.

The club also supports the Clarkston Family Farm, and two additional community farms which provide produce for Gleaners, as well as the Oakland County 4-H Fair, and the area Land Conservancy.

Step 1: GENERAL INFORMATION (Use black pen only)

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Home Address: _____
Street Apt./Suite
City State Zip

Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

High School

Name: _____

Graduation date: _____/_____
Month/Year

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ (4.0 scale) GPA Rank _____
Rank in Class/Total Seniors

COLLEGE PLANS

College Name _____

Location _____
City State

Anticipated College Graduation Date _____/_____
Month/Year Major: _____

STEP 2: ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AWARDS – List in importance to you, up to six awards and honors you have achieved in the last three years.

Award	Received from	Year

High School Activities (outside of the classroom) – Tell us about your activities: clubs, internships, lessons, volunteering and hobbies. Rank them in order of the time you spend on the activities. Please list up to eight. **DO NOT** list more than eight!

Activity	Circle grade/years of participation	Approximate hours per week	Approximate weeks per year	Position held or honors won
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			

If you could continue only one activity in your future, which one would you continue doing? Why?

EMPLOYMENT

Employer	Circle grade/years of employment	Approximate hours per week	Approximate weeks per year	Position
	10 11 12			
	10 11 12			

STEP 3: ESSAYS

Please answer both questions limiting your responses to 500 words or less for each question. Please give specific examples.

1. Explain how you will use your knowledge and talents to improve your community after you graduate.
2. Describe an experience or accomplishment that sets you apart regarding environmental action.

Your essays should:

- Have a title,
- Answer each question with specific examples,
- use appropriate grammar and punctuation.
- Double spaced using a 12 point font.

STEP 4: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, YOUR RESPONSE & OFFICIAL COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

1. Please submit two letters of recommendation. One from a high school teaching staff member and one recommendation from a non-teaching staff member or community person who knows you.
2. Please tell us in a separate a paragraph why you asked this person to write a recommendation for you.
3. Please submit an official copy of the high school transcript through first semester senior year.

STEP 5: CHECK LIST - DOUBLE CHECK ITEMS IN THIS APPLICATION

___ Have you completed ALL of the application (Steps 1 – 4)?

___ Have you signed and dated the Release of Information?

___ Have you submitted two letters of recommendation and your paragraphs with your reason for choosing this person?

___ Have you submitted an official transcript?

IMPORTANT

Provide ONE copy of your application package.

DO NOT staple your application. Use, a paper clip.

Copies will be made, so ONLY PRINT ON THE FRONT side of each page.

STEP 6: RELEASE INFORMATION

I certify that I meet the stated eligibility requirements for the scholarship and that all the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as part of this application will result in disqualification. I hereby voluntarily grant my high school to confirm and/or verify information to the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and/or their agents for the purpose of the scholarship selection. I hereby consent to the disclosure of any such information and waive any claims which may arise as a result of disclosure. In consideration of the possible receipt of financial assistance from the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club I give all rights to publication or use of materials submitted as part of my application, and forever release any claim to ownership of said materials.

Student Signature

Date

Completed Scholarship forms can be electronically sent to the clarkstongardenclub@gmail.com by Thursday, March 20, 2025 or by paper postmarked on Thursday, March 20, 2025 to Clarkston Garden Club, P.O. Box 1011, Clarkston 48347 in order to be eligible for a scholarship. Copies of the scholarship are available online at www.clarkstongardenclub.org

Notification will be made to high school counseling departments and may be held back as a surprise announcement at the Senior Awards Ceremony.