



Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County
5033 Harrison Avenue NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State Mary Robson Scholarships

One of the purposes of the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State (MGFWS) is education. The MGFWS offers one scholarship each year, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000). This scholarship, in the name of Mary Robson is offered to enable students to study in horticulture and its related fields. It can be awarded to high school seniors or to students entering a college/university for the first time as a full time student.

In order to enrich the reward for application, the Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County (MGFTC) will award an additional scholarship in the amount of \$250 to the applicant chosen to represent Thurston County.

A person may receive the scholarship only once and must meet the following requirements.

Applicant must be:

1. Sponsored by a Washington State County Master Gardener Program.
2. Accepted by a recognized accredited college/university.
3. Planning a course of study in horticultural, botanical, or strongly related fields.

To apply, submit the following:

1. The completed application cover sheet.
2. An official sealed copy of grade transcripts.
3. A one or two page essay on your choice of vocation or profession, how you have planned for the future, and how your education will influence that future.
4. A summary of your activities and service to your family, your school and your community. This summary should include any awards or honors received and may be submitted as a résumé.
5. At least two (2) letters of recommendation (one preferably from an instructor).

Criteria for the Scholarship:

Applications will be judged at the county and state level on the basis of:

Essay on choice of Profession or Vocation	25 points
Evidence of planning for the Future	25 points
Academics (showing interest in horticultural areas)	20 points
GPA	5 points
Activities & Service	<u>25</u> points
Total points	100 points

Process:

1. Submit the required items (above) to:
Scholarship Chairperson
Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County
5033 Harrison Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502
2. The deadline for submission to the Thurston County committee is *March 15th of the respective year.*
3. A Thurston County scholarship committee will screen applicants. The selected applicant will be awarded the MGFTC scholarship of \$250 and their application will be forwarded to the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State Awards Committee for final selection. Only one applicant can be selected from Thurston County each year.
4. A representative for the county must sign the application.

Other Details

1. Each application is considered for the Mary Robson Scholarship.
2. The MGFWS Scholarship Committee will meet after April 1st to make their decision. Winners will be announced after the decision has been made.
3. Scholarship monies will be sent directly to the college/university cashier's office in the winners' names, after proof of registration is provided to the MGFWS.

Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County Scholarship

1. Thurston County applicants for the Robson scholarship are automatically placed in consideration for a separate \$250 scholarship from the MGFTC, with the scholarship being awarded to the student chosen as Thurston County's finalist for the Robson scholarship.
2. All of the requirements for the MGFTC award are the same as for the MGFWS scholarships and the recipient of the MGFTC award will be selected from the MGFWS applications.

MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION of THURSTON COUNTY

**Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State
Mary Robson Scholarship
Application Cover Sheet**

1. Name _____

3. Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

3. Telephone _____

4. Name of County _____

5. College/University that applicant will attend _____

Check list of Attachments:

- Transcripts, including GPA
- Essay
- Summary of Service
- Letters of Recommendation

Applicant's Signature

Date

County Representative's Signature

Date

Submit this application to

Scholarship Chairperson,
Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County
5033 Harrison Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502

The application must be received by March 15.