

NC STATE EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Chowan-Gates-Perquimans

Dear Friends,

The Chowan, Gates and Perquimans Volunteer Master Gardeners are pleased to continue our scholarship opportunity. It will be awarded in the Spring of 2025 to help a student who plans to study or is currently studying in a qualifying field.

The main focus of our Master Gardener program is to enhance public education in consumer horticulture. As a natural extension of our program, we now offer a scholarship in the areas of horticulture, agriculture, natural resources or a related field. The financial backing for this scholarship is received from our annual Spring Garden Show, currently held at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. Since the show's inception, we have repeatedly received enthusiastic support from both the participating vendors and the general public.

Our scholarship, The Katherine G. Shook Master Gardener Scholarship, consists of a \$1,000 award. If a winner maintains a 2.5 overall GPA and a 3.0 GPA in the qualifying area of study, he or she is eligible to reapply for continued support.

Katy Shook was the N.C. Cooperative Extension Consumer Horticulture Agent for Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties from 2003 to 2023 and was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Master Gardener program. Katy's leadership, knowledge and infectious enthusiasm has impacted our youth (Jr. Master Gardener Program and various elementary school programs) as well as countless residents within the three counties.

Our scholarship committee is looking forward to working with you. We hope you will help distribute information about the award and encourage qualified applicants to apply.

Sincerely,



Nancy Dougherty, Scholarship Committee Chair

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The Katherine G. Shook Master Gardener Scholarship

GUIDELINES

Amount:

- \$1,000

Eligibility:

- HS seniors or college students residing in Chowan, Gates or Perquimans counties
- Students attending an accredited public, private or parochial school, or enrolled in a state approved homeschool
- Acceptance to or enrollment in a 2-year or 4-year accredited college program in a qualifying field of study

Criteria:

- Must be attending a higher education institution in North Carolina
- Volunteer experience through paid or unpaid work or extracurricular activities
- Qualifying fields of study include horticulture, agriculture or a related field

Required Documentation:

- Official transcript from current school
- Acceptance letter from school you plan to attend (or are attending, if college student)
- Completed application form
- Completed essay
- Two signed and sealed letters of recommendation, one from an educator and one from a non-related adult

Process:

- All documents must be received in one packet on or before April 4, 2025.
- Top finalists may be interviewed by members of the Master Gardener Scholarship Committee
- Scholarship award will be payable directly to the accredited college or university

Additional Information:

- Return All Documents to:
Chowan, Gates & Perquimans Volunteer Master Gardeners

Chowan County Cooperative Extension
730 N Granville St, Ste A
Edenton, NC 27932

- If you have any questions, please leave a message with the Chowan Cooperative Extension office (252-482-6585) and the scholarship chairperson will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you.

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APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Last First M.I.

Home Address: _____

Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State Zip County

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

School Information

Current School: _____ GPA: _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Address: _____

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Your Intended Major (Check one):

Horticulture

Agriculture

Natural Resources

Related Field of Study

Will enter college as (check one):

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Additional Information – *Use an additional sheet if necessary.*

List school and community organizations and/or activities which you have participated in during the last 4 years:

List school related awards, honors, scholarships received:

Personal Data (e.g. background, interests):

Application Checklist

All of the following requirements must be included in one packet in order to be considered for The Katherine G. Shook Master Gardener Scholarship:

Official transcript from current school

Letter of acceptance from school you plan to attend (or are attending, if college student)

Completed application form

Completed essay

Two signed and sealed letters of recommendation, one from an educator and one from a non-related adult

Return required items by April 4, 2025 deadline

Chowan, Gates & Perquimans Master Gardener Volunteers

Att: Scholarship Committee

730 N. Granville St. Suite A

Edenton, NC 27932

I understand that an incomplete application will be removed from further review.

I acknowledge that information provided on this application is complete and truthful. I understand that all submitted materials will become the property of the scholarship committee and will not be returned. I agree that it will be left to the discretion of the scholarship committee to determine whether a scholarship is awarded.

Signed: _____

Date: _____