Purpose: To promote the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardener program as a community service organization.

Availability: Multiple scholarships may be awarded by the Scholarship Committee on a yearly or semester basis as funds are available.

Amount: Individual scholarship awards shall be a minimum of $500.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Current academic year graduating Topeka/Shawnee County high school seniors.
2. Shawnee County resident.
3. Overall Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.
4. Student shows an interest in community service.

Application Procedure:

1. Complete personal inventory form.
2. Two letters of recommendation, including one letter from faculty.
3. Include original essay (maximum 500 words). Community involvement is a priority of the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners. Essay topic: “Describe something you have done since entering high school that has positively impacted your community.”
4. Included official transcript.

Review Procedure: Applications must be post marked or hand delivered on or before January 15, 2016. Applications will be reviewed by the Master Gardener Scholarship Committee with notification to successful applicant(s) by April 1, 2016. Scholarship applicants may be contacted for a personal interview.

Submit application to:

Shawnee County Extension Master Gardener Program
Attn: Steve Paige
1740 SW Western Ave.
Topeka, KS 66604
PERSONAL INVENTORY

Name:__________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________

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Personal e-mail address: ___________________________ Phone: __________

School from where you will be graduating: _____________________________

Counselor/Contact: ___________________________ Phone: __________

High school GPA: __________

Name of institution you will be attending: ____________________________

Anticipated major and minor areas of study: ____________________________

What is your vocational or career goal? ____________________________

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What extra-curricular activities have you participated in during high school? __________

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What are your hobbies and interests? ____________________________

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What community service or volunteerism have you performed? __________

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What honors or special awards have you received? (Academic, citizenship, artistic, athletic): __

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What jobs have you had? _________________________________________

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Please attach:

1) Your transcript.

2) Original narrative: “Describe something you have done in the past year that has made a difference in your community.” Maximum 500 words.

3) Please provide two letters of recommendation. At least one letter must be from a member of your school’s faculty.