



The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc. (GTGC) is pleased that you are applying for the Mercer Scholarship up to **\$4,000** (Four Thousand Dollars) toward your tuition at an accredited college, university, or technical school.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- U.S. citizen and Walton County, Florida resident (student or parent/legal guardian).
- Currently enrolled or have been accepted at a college, university or technical school and majoring in botany, ecology, horticulture, forestry, landscape design or architecture, agriculture, environmental studies, biology, or an acceptable related degree.
- If the applicant is currently enrolled, he/she must have a “C+” average (2.5) or higher.
- Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college, university, or technical school as part of a tuition payment.

The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc., located in Walton County, Florida, is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. GTGC supports other non-profit organizations in the community including, but not limited to, educational institutions, youth groups and environmental preservation.

The GTGC’s **purpose** is to stimulate interest in the beautification of Walton County, to further the education of its members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, environmental awareness, conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, and nature studies. It is our goal to instill in our youth and young adults the love of gardening and respect for the environment.

The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc. is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., District 1. The club was founded January 10, 1956, federated on February 3, 1959, and incorporated on May 21, 2019.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship and meet the above requirements, please contact Debbie Michel, GTGC Scholarship Committee Chair. Your application form **may be submitted prior to but no later than Wednesday, April 30, 2025.**

Should you be selected for the scholarship award, you will be notified in early May, 2025. The winner will be invited to attend the Green Thumb Garden Club May, 2025 meeting held at Sandestin so that they may receive the scholarship award and meet some of our generous members.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Debbie Michel, Scholarship Committee Chair  
debbiemichel@bellsouth.net  
404.435.3650



**2025 MERCER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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- Scholarship award of up to \$4,000 for tuition only will be sent directly to the college, university, or technical school.

*Please complete this form and submit on or before **Wednesday, April 30, 2025.***

**\*APPLICANT INFORMATION**

<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>Middle Initial:</b>
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**Permanent Address: (Street, City, State, Zip):**

**Street:**

<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
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<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
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<b>Years lived in Walton County, FL:</b>	<b>High School Attended:</b>
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<b>I confirm I am or my parents/legal guardian are a Walton County, FL resident</b>	<b>Initial</b>
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<b>I confirm I am a U.S. Citizen:</b>	<b>Initial</b>
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<b>Applicant Alternate Contact:</b>	<b>Relationship to Applicant:</b>
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<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Next Semester/Year Status:**  Freshman,  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate School

**High School/College/University/Technical School Name:**

**Program Department:**

**Major and/or Minor (current/anticipated):**

**College/University/Technical School Address:**

**Street:**

<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>
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**College Financial Office Information (Optional):**

<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>
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<b>List Current Sources of Financial Aid and dollar amounts (not loans): Pell Grants, Bright Futures Scholarships, Veteran's Benefits, etc.</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>3.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>4.</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b>
<b>Total College Credit Hours Completed at End of the Current Semester:</b>	<b>GPA:</b>
<b>Expected Graduation Date:</b>	<b>Degree Upon Graduation:</b>
<b><i>Please provide a brief statement focusing on why you have chosen your current major. Explain what you plan to do after graduation and how it fits with the Green Thumb Garden Club purpose. (Attach separate page if needed.)</i></b>	

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Signature

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Date

**Submit application to: Debbie Michel, Scholarship Committee Chair, GTGC, Inc.  
Email: [debbiemichel@bellsouth.net](mailto:debbiemichel@bellsouth.net) Call or text questions: 404 435 3650**

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**\*PRIVACY STATEMENT:** Information on this application will not be shared with anyone outside the Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors of Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc.