

## **Gardeners of Greater Akron Scholarship Application Information**

**About us:** The Gardeners of Greater Akron (GOGA) is a garden club in Northeast Ohio. Established in 1937, our members reside in Summit and surrounding counties. We promote gardening as a desirable hobby for men, women, and youth. We furthermore operate for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes. As a club, we meet monthly for dinner, a business meeting, and a speaker. The *Garden Gabber* is our monthly newsletter. For more about us and our community outreach, see our website, <https://gogagrows.wordpress.com>.

**Our scholarship program:** To support the collegiate education of professional gardeners, GOGA is pleased to offer two \$1000 scholarships yearly to students enrolled in horticultural and floriculture programs at The Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) in Wooster, Ohio. In the past ten years, GOGA has awarded over twenty scholarships.

To be eligible, a student must have a permanent address in one of these Ohio counties: Summit, Cuyahoga, Portage, Medina, Stark, Wayne. In addition to completing and submitting this application, a student must also submit to the Scholarship Committee of GOGA two letters of recommendation: One letter will be from a person who can attest to the student's academic ability and potential for completing a professional program (that is, a person within an academic institution) and one letter that attests to the applicant's character (from a person either within or without an academic institution). All application documents must be submitted by the date stipulated on the application, and the student must be available for an in-person interview with the GOGA Scholarship Committee (any exception at the discretion of the committee).

**Expectations for scholarship recipients:** Per the application, an award winner agrees to have an announcement of the award submitted to the winner's local news outlet(s). Further, a winner agrees to attend and be a guest of GOGA at one of its monthly meetings to receive a certificate of award and congratulations from GOGA members. Scholarship checks are sent directly to ATI.

**Scholarship requirements:** Submit the completed application and supporting letters of recommendation by March 1:

Mr. Les Knight, Chair  
Scholarship Committee, Gardeners of Greater Akron  
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Tallmadge, OH. 44278-1906  
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**Gardeners of Greater Akron  
Application for Scholarship  
Deadline: March 1**

1. **Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Address (see Scholarship Application Information for eligibility)**  
**House Number/Street and/or PO Box** \_\_\_\_\_  
**County** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Date of Admission to ATI** \_\_\_\_\_ **Terms Completed** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Program(s) of Study** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Specific Areas of Interest Within Horticulture/Floriculture**  
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7. **Past Experiences that Align with Areas of Interest**  
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8. **Explanation of How ATI Program of Studies Relates to Areas of Interest and Potential Career Opportunities**  
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9. **Names of Writers of Recommendation (One Relating to Your Academic Ability; One Relating to Your Character; Deadline for receipt of letters: March 1)**  
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10. **Names and Address of Your Local News Outlets (print and/or other)**  
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11. **My Signature Below Signifies My Agreement to In-Person Interview, News Release, Personal Attendance at GOGA Meeting to Receive Certificate**  
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_