

Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation, Inc

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Scholarship Application 2018

To be completed by the Applicant

The application for the 2018 Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation Scholarship can be filled out electronically and downloaded from ctnursery.org by clicking on key documents and then on CNF Scholarship Application. Students may submit their application via email to:

ctnurserymen@gmail.com Jim Messier, Executive Secretary, or to the mailing address above. Please fill in all requested information. Pages 1-4 are to be completed by the student applicant; pages 5-6 to be completed by the student's parent(s). Letters of recommendation, transcripts, SAT scores, Student Aid Report (SAR) and letters of acceptance should be scanned if possible and filed electronically. Otherwise please mail them to the above address.

The applicant must be accepted into a course of study beneficial to the Horticultural industry. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Ornamental Horticulture
- Landscape Design
- Nursery Management
- Greenhouse Management.

The scholarship grant will be \$5,000 per year, renewable if the student maintains academic eligibility in college.

- Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
- Students must be residents of the State of Connecticut, and may attend either in state or out of state institutions. The student must be a high school senior or currently enrolled at the college level, majoring in a horticulture related field.

All completed and signed applications must be received by the Foundation no later than Monday, March 5, 2018. No application will be considered without the following:

- Copies of the Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Copies of Financial Aid Award letter (if received)
- At least two letters of recommendation
- High school records, transcript and SAT scores or college transcript for those already enrolled in a college level program.
- A copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the college, if available. If not available, forward to the CNF office no later than March 19, 2018.

The scholarship will be based on academic achievement, financial need, and non-school work related to horticulture. The candidate will be selected mid April 2018.

Jim Messier, CNF Executive Secretary

**Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation
Scholarship Application
2018**

For Students planning a major in HORTICULTURE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email address: _____

Major of study. Explain as specifically as possible. Is this a 2 yr or 4 yr program?

Schools you have applied to in order of choice (college students, note school attending).
Mark with a "check" if accepted.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Briefly describe your career goals:

List tuition, room and board of your 1st choice school (current school for college students or new school if you are transferring). Note if you will be commuting from home. Note any other applicable fees.

Tuition _____ Room _____ Board _____ Total: _____

Other Fees _____

Have you applied for financial aid at your school of choice? Yes _____ No _____
If no, why not? Please attach any financial aid awarded.

Have you applied for any other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

Explain from whom and how much. Attach award letter.

Describe the type of student you are, academically. High school students to include an official transcript; college students to provide an official college transcript listing grades, plus high school transcript if currently a freshman. List your strengths, weaknesses, and any academic honors/awards.

Describe the type of student you are, non-academically. Please include any clubs, sports, community involvement, volunteer work, etc.

Describe any work experience (summers, after school, especially jobs/internships related to the field you will be studying)

Describe the circumstances that affect your need for financial assistance. Please attach your **SAR (Student Aid Report)**. Without this form, you will be disqualified for the scholarship. **Remit to CNF no later than Monday, March 19, 2018.**

Where did you obtain this application? High school guidance counselor, online, UConn, Naugatuck Valley Community College, heard about it from a friend, other?

Please write a paragraph about yourself. How do you see yourself? What kind of person are you? Why do you want to pursue your education? Why do you think a career path in horticulture is the right one for you?

Student Signature: _____

Guidance counselor/advisor signature: _____

Name of High School or University/College: _____

Please be sure the following are attached before submitting your application:

- Application
- Acceptance letters, if received
- SAR (Student Aid Report – FAFSA)
- Financial aid award letters
- Official high school or college transcript
- Parent information (page 5 & 6)
- 2 or more letters of recommendation. One must come from someone other than a teacher/guidance counselor.

The Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation wishes you success in whatever career path you take.

Application must be received no later than Monday, March 5, 2018. Submit electronically to:

ctnurserymen@gmail.com – Jim Messier, Executive Secretary, CNF

Supporting documents that can not be scanned and sent electronically should be sent to:

Jim Messier, Executive Secretary
Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation
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Connecticut Nurserymen's Scholarship Application

Parent portion of Application

Father's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Email address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Email address: _____

Is there likely to be a significant change in combined gross salary for 2018?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain: _____

List other children/dependents along with age for 2017 and for the school year 2018-2019:

Did you file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) with Federal Student Aid Program on behalf of your son/daughter? Yes _____ Date _____

No _____ Without this, your child will not be eligible for scholarship consideration. **CNF must receive this report no later than Monday, March 19, 2018.**

Are you eligible for a Pell Grant? Yes _____ No _____

Divorced or separated parents must provide the following information:

Year of Separation: _____ Year of Divorce: _____

Other parent's name: _____

Home address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

According to court order, when will support for the student end?

Month and year: _____

Who claimed the student as a tax exemption for last year? _____

Is there an agreement specifying a contribution for the student's education?

Yes _____ How much for the 2018-2019 school year? _____

No _____

Please write a statement that best explains the existing circumstances that affect your child's need for financial assistance:

Father's signature: _____

Mother's signature: _____

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December 2018

To: All Interested Parties:

Re: Horticultural Scholarship Award

The Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation, Inc (CNF) is pleased to be awarding a:

\$5,000 grant, per year - renewable for up to four years of study

to a Connecticut resident, graduating high school in the spring of 2018 or a student currently enrolled at the college level, majoring in the field of Horticulture. Please post this announcement and inform qualified students of this opportunity.

The applicant must be accepted into a course of study beneficial to the Horticultural industry. This includes, but is not limited to: Ornamental Horticulture, Landscape Design, Nursery Management or Greenhouse Management.

Important criteria for selection will be scholastic standing, as well as financial need. A copy of the student's Student Aid Report (SAR), Financial Aid award letter, or current college transcript and personal recommendations must be forwarded with the application to the CNF office.

Students must be residents of the State of CT. The student may attend either an "in state" or "out of state" institution.

Additionally, a second student will be awarded the **Howard Jennings Scholarship**. This is a one-time **\$500 Scholarship** for a CT student (high school or college) that has been accepted by UConn, majoring in plant science/horticulture. The same application and criteria for selection will be used for both scholarships.

The CNF Scholarship Selection Committee will interview finalists in April and notify the recipient immediately after selection. Applications must be received no later than March 5, 2018.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the application and/or its requirements. In order to save resources and time The application should be downloaded from ctnursery.org by clicking on key documents and then on CNF Scholarship Application, students will need to submit their application via email to: ctnurserymen@gmail.com or remit by mail to the CNF address above.

If you would prefer, in the future, to receive this information via email, please send your email address and appropriate information to my email address above. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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HOWARD JENNINGS SCHOLARSHIP 2018

This award is funded by the Jennings family and friends, in memory of Howard Jennings, former nursery manager at Summer Hill Nursery and member of the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association.

The grant will be in the amount of **\$500**. This is a one-time grant to a CT student, who has been accepted by the University of Connecticut, majoring in the field of Horticulture in either the 2 or 4-year program.

The student is to complete the same application as the CT Nurserymen's Foundation Scholarship and will be selected by the CNF Selection Committee. If the student would like to be eligible for either scholarship, only one application need be submitted.

The student will be awarded the scholarship, based upon academics and financial need, with emphasis on non-school work related to horticulture.

All completed applications will be accepted through Monday, March 5, 2018. Selection of the final candidate will be mid April 2018.

Jim Messier, CNF Executive Secretary