

# Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation, Inc

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## ***2019 CT Nurseryman's Foundation Merit Based Scholarship***

This scholarship is for students who are a non-traditional learner. They will be considered on their enthusiasm, diligence, aspirations, and potential as a valued member of the horticultural field.

The CT Nurserymen's Foundation believes that these factors should not be considered limitations to success in our industry.

Instead, we want to offer an opportunity to allow all individuals who are looking for assistance to have a fair and unbiased chance to be recognized for what they can offer the industry.

If you have a love of plants and are interested in going into the nursery/horticulture field and this describes you, we urge you to apply for the **Merit Based Scholarship**.

- CNF will fund one student in the amount of \$2,500 per semester/\$5,000 per year.
- The student does not need to show financial need to qualify for this scholarship.
- In order to continue to qualify for this scholarship, the student must pass and report to CNF about their progress via a presentation at a winter or summer meeting, a written essay, or a video.

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## 2019 Scholarship Application

### **To be completed by the Applicant**

The application for the 2019 Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation Scholarships can be downloaded by going to [www.CNLA.biz](http://www.CNLA.biz). Click on the Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation link (upper right corner), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the application. From here it can be downloaded, complete the form and submitted by email to: Jim Messier, Executive Secretary, [ctnurserymen@gmail.com](mailto:ctnurserymen@gmail.com), 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 submitted 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 4, 2019. 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 18, 2019.

The scholarship will be based on academic achievement, financial need, and non-school work related to horticulture. The candidate will be selected mid-April 2019.

Jim Messier, CNF Executive Secretary  
Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation

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### For Students planning a major in HORTICULTURE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List tuition, room and board of your 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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Have you applied for any other scholarships?  Yes  No  
Explain from whom and how much. Attach award letter.

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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.

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

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

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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 4, 2019.** Submit electronically to:

[ctnurserymen@gmail.com](mailto:ctnurserymen@gmail.com) – Jim Messier, Executive Secretary, CNF

Supporting documents that cannot be scanned and sent electronically should be sent to:

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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 2019?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List other children/dependents along with age and grade for the school year 2019-2020:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 18, 2019.**

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. If so, how much for the 2019-2020 school year? \_\_\_\_\_

No

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

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Father's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's signature: \_\_\_\_\_