



## Lexington County Master Gardener Volunteers Sam Cheatham Student Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor Sam Cheatham, Clemson Extension Agent for Lexington County and coordinator of our master gardener volunteer program for 18 years. Sam is a Clemson University graduate with degrees in Zoology (1972) and Master of Agriculture in Ornamental Horticulture (1978). His career with Cooperative Extension began in Greenville, SC in 1973. From 1978 until 1982, he worked at various times in Richland, Lexington, and Kershaw counties. He came home to Lexington County in 1985 and served as county agent until his retirement in 2003. In addition to his responsibilities as county agent, Sam coordinated the master gardener volunteer program, appeared on the television show “Making it Grow”, hosted radio shows on WSCQ and WISW radio for 8 ½ years, and coordinated extension programs in commercial horticulture. Sam remains active in the Master Gardener program. He contributes to gardening education and beautification in the Lexington community.

### The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- **Residency** – candidates must be a resident of South Carolina. First consideration will be given to those from Lexington County.
- **Academic record**
- **Field of Study** – applicants must be pursuing a degree in Horticulture or a closely related field.
- **Applicants can be high school graduates who have been accepted by an institution of higher learning and undergraduates or graduate students currently enrolled.**

### General Rules:

- The scholarship will be paid directly to the student.
- The scholarship will be awarded for two consecutive semesters at no less than \$1,000 per semester. Following a review of the student’s academic standing after the first semester, the remainder of the scholarship may be awarded.

### How to Apply:

1. Interested candidates should complete and sign the attached scholarship application form. Include all requested attachments. Applications with missing information or attachments cannot be considered.
2. High School applicants should return the completed package to the high school guidance office no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year applying.
3. Submit the completed package to the address below no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> of the year applying.

LCMGV Scholarship Committee  
Attention: Jackie Corley  
Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service  
605 West Main St., Suite 109  
Lexington, SC 29072



## LCMGV/Sam Cheatham Student Scholarship Application

Awarded by the Lexington County Master Gardener Volunteers

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Month/Day/Year

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Route/P.O. Box City/State Zip

Residence Address at College: (if applicable)

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Route/P.O. Box City/State Zip

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

School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Information concerning family and income: (Must complete this section.)

Father Name Address Occupation Income (Optional)

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Brothers/Sisters living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of each: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attachments:

1. Certified record of high school/college grades.
2. For high school applicants: List colleges/universities where you have applied, your intended major, and the admissions status of each (i.e. accepted, wait-listed, denied, unknown, etc.).
3. One recommendation from a high school agriculture teacher, college department head, or guidance counselor, and one recommendation from community members such as a pastor or employer.
4. List any scholarships (source and amounts), prizes, honors, and awards you have received.
5. List your extracurricular activities (athletics, dramatics, service clubs, community projects, etc.) in high school/college, memberships in student societies, awards received, and any work experience.
6. Essay (500+ words) stating your career goals and your reasons for choosing your field of study. When did you first become interested? What circumstances or what individuals have influenced your choice of a career? What opportunities have you had so far to observe the practice of this profession? What do you know about the training required and job opportunities in your chosen field?
7. If applicable, please share why tuition assistance is needed for educational goals.

The above application is true and correct, and I intend to pursue a career in horticulture or a related field.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Applicant