

Aiken Master Gardener Association

Scholarship Application Procedures for 2026

The mission of the Aiken Master Gardener Association (AMGA) is to promote good horticultural practices and to provide opportunities for educating the community in good gardening and horticultural practices. The AMGA encourages high school students who attend high school in Aiken or Edgefield Counties and **who have been admitted to a college and will major in either an agriculture or horticulture career** to apply for an AMGA scholarship. The scholarships will be a minimum of \$1000 for the students' freshman year only. Scholarship winners will be invited to attend the Aiken Master Gardeners monthly meeting on Tuesday May12, 2026 to receive their award. At that time, they should be prepared to briefly tell the audience something about themselves and their future plans.

Applications for an AMGA scholarship may be obtained from high school agriculture or horticulture teachers or from high school guidance counselors in Aiken and Edgefield Counties. The Aiken County Master Gardener website [[High School Scholarships – Aiken Master Gardener Association](#)] will also post an application form and procedures for applying for this scholarship.

To apply for a scholarship, the following requirements **must be met**:

- 1. A completed application must be postmarked by March 25, 2026.**
- 2. At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor must be included with your application.**
- 3. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the school you will attend must be included.**
- 4. Your high school must send a copy of your current transcript.**
- 5. Evidence that the applicant plans to pursue a career in agriculture or horticulture fields.**

The application packet should be mailed to:

**Dr. Jim Pierce
145 Glen Haven Circle
Aiken, SC 29803**