

Virginia Master Gardeners Association (VMGA)
Diane Relf Master Gardener College Scholarships Application Form

VMGA seeks to award scholarships to those master gardeners who through their dedicated efforts of volunteerism toward VCE goals have demonstrated exceptional leadership potential or significant contributions in their respective units. Additional criteria are included on the application form. All VCE Master Gardeners planning to attend MG College 2017 are eligible for these scholarships if they have never been awarded one.

Nomination guidelines:

Unit agents/coordinators may nominate no more than **two** candidates from those who express an interest with no explanation given to the committee as to the process used. The agent or coordinator must submit the application but the applicants may provide details of their service in the process. Suggestions for the nominator might be volunteers who:

- demonstrate potential
- are role models
- are diverse in any category
- have financial need
- exhibit desire to continue to contribute
- are new EMGs with less than 100 hours (interns are not eligible)

Below are some of the traits that describe an extraordinary volunteer.

- Creativity, imagination, and an innovative ability to fill real and perceived voids in unit projects and programs
- Ability to lead by example and achieve objectives without fanfare
- Ability to anticipate the needs of the unit
- Ability to contribute at different levels

Scholarship Committee:

- Is composed of VMGA members, at least one of whom has received the scholarship
- Presents recommendations to the Executive Board for final approval

Additional Details:

Purpose of the Scholarships

Assistance for VMGA members to attend EMG College 2017
Further the VMGA goals of providing Continuing Education
Increase the number of attendees at EMG College
Encourage those members who have demonstrated exceptional potential in their local Units

Award Guidelines

VMGA budget line item
No recipient may receive more than one scholarship in his/her MG career.
VMGA is free of any personal liability. Awardee bears any tax liability.

