



WEST SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB

2025 SCHOLARSHIP

The West Springfield Garden club (WSGC) is a community minded organization dedicated to the sharing of knowledge and love of horticulture while enhancing the beauty of the community. The WSGC has established an annual scholarship fund to recognize West Springfield students who are interested in pursuing a career in areas related to:

**Agriculture – Botany – Ecology – Environmental Studies – Forestry
Horticulture – Landscaping**

Application Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a West Springfield, MA resident.
2. They must be a high school student scheduled to graduate in June **OR** an enrolled student in good standing at an *accredited institution of higher education.*
3. They must submit a written 1-page document which demonstrates an interest in the above-mentioned fields, their plans for after graduation and how the grant will assist with their career choice.

Amount of Award: WSGC will award two \$2000 (two thousand dollar) scholarships to be used towards: *(Please check which applies to you)*

___ 1. Courses at accredited institutions of higher education to continue education in any of the above fields. School attending or will be attending:

___ 2. Certifications or licensures necessary for employment in or related to the above fields. Name of certification or license:

___ 3. Purchase of equipment, tools or supplies for employment in or to start a business related to the above fields. Business field:

Submission Process: Seniors in either West Springfield High School or Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative will submit their completed application and written essay to their school's Guidance Office **no later than April 11, 2025.** The Guidance Department will forward them to the WSGC Scholarship Chairpersons. The successful candidate will be notified via mail by mid-May.

Applicants currently enrolled in accredited institutions of higher education will submit their application, proof of West Springfield residency and essay directly to:

The West Springfield Garden Club,
c/o Parks and Recreation,
26 Central St. Suite 19,
West Springfield, MA 01089.



2025 WSGC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information:

Full Name: _____
First M.I. Last

Address: _____
Number & Street City Zip Code

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please attach your 1-page written response demonstrating an interest in the above-mentioned fields, plans for after graduation and how the grant will assist with their career choice.

Students enrolled in accredited institutions of higher education must show proof of enrollment along with the application and one page essay.

Please note – The West Springfield Garden Club wishes to publicize the accomplishments of the scholarship recipient. Our Scholarship Committee chair will arrange for follow-up newspaper articles and pictures of the successful candidate.

Privacy Policy – the application information provided will be used for the sole purpose of awarding the scholarship. It will not be shared with other individuals or groups.

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