

Wayne Rhoden Memorial Scholarship

Williamson County Master Gardeners Association is awarding scholarships to outstanding 4-H members in Williamson County.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- There will be two scholarships awarded in the amount of \$1500 each.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be an active member and enrolled in 4-H for a minimum of 3 years.
- Be a current member of Williamson County 4-H for their senior year of high school.
- Be a graduate of high school in the 2025-2026 school year.
- Intend to enroll full-time in a college, university, or technical school in the Fall of 2026.
- Letters of recommendation from 4-H leader, community or school leader
- Submit the completed application and attachments and return by April 14th.

DEADLINE

The completed application and attachments must be postmarked by April 13, 2026, to the following address:

Williamson County Master Gardeners Association
Attn: Bob Hinojosa
100 Wilco Way, Ste AG201
Georgetown, TX 78626

IF SELECTED, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Mail a thank you note by August 28, 2026 to Williamson County Master Gardeners Association.
- Before receiving a scholarship, the recipient must submit proof of school registration, student ID number, name and address of the financial aid office/director at the school they will be attending. These items must be submitted no later than August 3, 2026. All scholarship monies will be mailed directly to the financial aid office and will be distributed through them. Any monies left over or refunded will remain in the student's scholarship account at school or be returned to Wayne Rhoden Memorial Scholarships in care of Williamson County Master Gardeners Association scholarships.
- Students must be enrolled as full-time students in a college, university, or technical school. Full-time is defined at 12 hours per semester (or technical school equivalent).

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

Monday, April 13, 2026 Deadline for application to be postmarked

Friday, April 24, 2026 Notification of scholarship winners

Monday, August 3, 2026 Student must submit proof of school registration, student ID number, name and address of the financial aid office/director at the school they will be attending to the Williamson County Master Gardeners Association

Friday, August 28, 2026 Scholarship recipients must send a thank you note to the Williamson County Master Gardeners Association

WAYNE RHODEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Judging Criteria

Scholarship applicants do NOT need to print this score sheet when submitting their application.

APPLICANT NAME _____ COUNTY Williamson County

CRITERIA	JUDGE'S NOTES	MAXIMUM POINTS	POINTS EARNED
4-H EXPERIENCES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learning experiences ● Projects 		30	
4-H LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteer leadership ● Promotion Leadership ● Elected/Appointed Leadership 		25	
4-H CITIZENSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE		15	
4-H HONORS & AWARDS		5	
OUTSIDE 4-H ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leadership ● Honors ● Work Experience ● Volunteer ● Community Service 		5	
ACADEMICS & CAREER NARRATIVE		10	
FINANCIAL NEED		10	
TOTAL		100	

This score sheet is for judges' use only. Score sheets will not be returned to the applicant.



WAYNE RHODEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Full Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Name of 4-H Club:

Name of County Extension Agent:

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Name of High School:

Phone Number of High School:

List in priority order up to three (3) colleges/universities that you plan to submit applications-please specify if you have been accepted or not:

1
2
3

Major/Course of Study chosen for degree/certification:

What is your preferred career choice?

Signature of Applicant:

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

Signature of County Extension Agent:

Date:

4-H PROJECT EXPERIENCES: List up to four (4) of your most significant 4-H projects throughout your entire 4-H career. Describe years involved, knowledge and skills gained, scope and activity related to projects, demonstrations, talks, exhibits, workshops, tours, interviews, etc. Describe why these projects were important and significant and what impact your involvement provided you to have on other people. Reference the level of participation/involvement as L=Local, C=County, D=District, R=Regional, S=State, N=National, and I=International. Put emphasis on the quality of your experience. **You may use this page plus one additional page. Please do not add more pages.**

4-H HONORS: List up to four (4) of your most important honors received through 4-H. List the honor, year received, level of award, (use L=Local, C=County, D=District, R=Regional, S=State, N=National, and I=International), and why you consider the honors listed to be the most important (i.e. how did they contribute to and provide significance toward your personal development?). Put emphasis on the quality of your experience. **Do not add additional pages and do not allow information to extend to the next page.**

YEAR	AWARD	LEVEL OF AWARD	WHY IS THIS AWARD IMPORTANT TO YOU?

OUTSIDE 4-H EXPERIENCES: Describe how you spent time outside of your 4-H activities, why you devoted time to a particular activity, the impact the activity had on your personal development, and how it benefited other people. List Leadership roles and activities, honors, work experience, and volunteer and community service. This may include school, church, other youth groups, etc. **You may use this page plus one additional page. Please do not add more pages.**

CAREER NARRATIVE: Describe how you have prepared yourself to have an awareness of and an understanding about career(s) applicable to the degree or technical certificate you wish to pursue. Type of information you may provide includes:

- Visits to college/universities and conversations with personnel at those institutions.
- Investigations of job/career opportunities and availability.
- Persons/experiences that have influenced you to pursue the degree/certification you have indicated.
- How you decided to pursue a technical certification versus baccalaureate or vice-versa.

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FINANCIAL NEED NARRATIVE: Describe your need for financial assistance, and the effect that this scholarship would have on your college education. This narrative could include details about family situations such as: care of family members, medical, and/or family financial burdens. **You may use this page plus one additional page. Please do not add more pages.**
