



Scholarship Application 2025

Maryland State Grange Scholarship Categories

The Maryland State Grange offers two scholarship opportunities annually:

1. **Agricultural Scholarship**
 - For students pursuing an agriculturally related field of study.
2. **The Patrons' Promise: Deaf Scholars Award**
 - For students studying fields related to deaf studies, American Sign Language (ASL), or other related areas.

General Information

- Awards are made annually, and applicants may reapply for up to four years.
- There will be several scholarship awards offered in each category.

Who May Apply

- **Agricultural Scholarship:** Graduating high school seniors or current undergraduate students majoring in an agricultural area of study.
- **The Patrons' Promise: Deaf Scholars Award:** Graduating high school seniors or current undergraduate students majoring in deaf studies, ASL, or a related field.

Criteria (applicable to both scholarships)

1. Demonstrate academic achievement—excellence in effort and performance. A current high school or college transcript must be submitted with the application.
2. Demonstrate outstanding service to the community and involvement in leadership and extracurricular activities.
3. Provide a clear statement of educational goals.
4. Financial need will be considered but is not the primary factor in selecting winners.
5. Submit two letters of reference.
6. Complete the application form by the designated deadline. All applications must be typed.

Maryland State Grange Scholarship Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

High School (if applicable): _____

College/University/Trade school: _____

Student ID number: _____

College/University Address: _____

Are you a Grange Member: YES ___ NO ___ If yes, which Grange? _____

*If you are a Grange member, your status will be verified with your community Grange listed.

List high school and/or college activities in which you have participated, including any leadership roles. List special honors/awards you received.

Describe how has or will this scholarship impact your schooling:

Essay Question (no more than 500 words. Please attach to application):

Essay Prompt: Describe your involvement in organizations and/or activities within your community. Mention ways in which you may have been of service to your community in general, or to people in your community in particular. Indicate any leadership roles you have in the community. (If needed, include additional page)

Scholarship Award

- One or more awards will be presented annually.
- Applicant can win an award no more than four times.
- Scholarship will be paid directly to the College/University or trade school.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or undergraduate student enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college/university or trade school.
- Applicants do not have to be Grange members, however priority is given to those who are.

Applicant Checklist

- Typed and completed application form.
- Two letters of recommendation (one must be from teacher/administrator).
- Answered Essay Question (no more than 500 words).

OBLIGATION IF SELECTED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

If you are selected as a recipient of a Maryland State Grange Scholarship, we ask that you plan to attend the Annual Awards Banquet that will be held October 18th, 2025 at New Market Grange Hall. More information will be provided in future communication.

Application due: **April 30th, 2025 *no applications will be accepted after this date***

Send by email to: marylandstategrange@gmail.com
Attn: Mrs. Leslie Lenhart
Maryland State Grange Scholarship Director
OR

Send by mail to: **Mrs. Leslie Lenhart**
Maryland State Grange Scholarship Director
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Scholarship Evaluation Guidelines

Criteria	Maximum Possible Points	# Points Awarded and Comments
A student majoring in area of study required.	n/a	YES / NO
Demonstrated academic achievement—excellence in effort and performance. A current high school or college transcript must be submitted with the application.	30	

Demonstrated outstanding service to the community and involvement in leadership and extracurricular activities. Agriculture-related activities are preferred, but not the primary factor in selecting winners.	25	
Clear statement of educational goals.	20	
Financial need will be considered, but it is not the primary factor in selecting winners.	10	
Two letters of reference provided (5 points each).	10	
Application form typed and completed by the deadline.	5	
Total	100	