

Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation, Inc

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Lud and Marie Hoffman Scholarship Application 2025

To be completed by the Applicant

The application for the 2025 Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation Scholarship can be downloaded by going to CNLA.biz. In the upper right corner of the home page click on Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on application. From there it can be downloaded as a Word file, filled out and submitted by email to: ctnurserymen@gmail.com, Jim Messier, Executive Secretary, or mailed to the address above. Please fill in all requested information. Pages 1-4 are to be completed by the student applicant; pages 5-6 to be completed by the student's parent(s). Letters of recommendation, transcripts, SAT scores, Student Aid Report (SAR) and letters of acceptance should be scanned, if possible, and filed electronically. Otherwise please mail them to the above address.

The applicant must be accepted into a course of study beneficial to the Horticultural industry. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Ornamental Horticulture
- Landscape Design
- Nursery Management
- Greenhouse Management.

The scholarship grant will be \$5,000 per year, renewable if the student maintains academic eligibility in college.

- Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
- Students must be residents of the State of Connecticut and may attend either in state or out of state institutions. The student must be a high school senior or currently enrolled at the college level, majoring in a horticulture related field.

All completed and signed applications must be received by the Foundation no later than March 10, 2025. No application will be considered without the following:

- Copies of the Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Copies of Financial Aid Award letter (if received)
- At least two letters of recommendation
- High school records, transcript and SAT scores or college transcript for those already enrolled in a college level program.
- A copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the college, if available. If not available, forward to the CNF office no later than March 24, 2025.

The scholarship will be based on academic achievement, financial need, and non-school work related to horticulture. The candidate will be selected May 1, 2025.

Jim Messier, CNF Executive Secretary

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For Students planning a major in HORTICULTURE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major of study. Explain as specifically as possible. Is this a 2 yr. or 4 yr. program?

Schools you have applied to in order of choice (college students, note school attending).

Mark with a "check" if accepted.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Briefly describe your career goals:

List tuition, room, and board of your 1st choice school (current school for college students or new school if you are transferring). Note if you will be commuting from home. Note any other applicable fees.

Tuition: _____ Room: _____ Board: _____ Total: _____

Other Fees: _____

Have you applied for financial aid at your school of choice? Yes: _____ No: _____
If no, why not? Please attach any financial aid awarded.

Have you applied for any other scholarships? Yes: _____ No: _____
Explain from whom and how much. If awarded scholarship, please attach award letter. _____

Describe the type of student you are, academically. High school students to include an official transcript; college students to provide an official college transcript listing grades, plus high school transcript if currently a freshman. List your strengths, weaknesses, and any academic honors/awards.

Describe the type of student you are, non-academically. Please include any clubs, sports, community involvement, volunteer work, etc.

Describe any work experience (summers, after school, especially jobs/internships related to the field you will be studying)

Describe the circumstances that affect your need for financial assistance. Please attach your **SAR (Student Aid Report)**. Without this form, you will be disqualified for the scholarship. **Remit to CNF no later than March 24, 2025.**

Where did you obtain this application? High school guidance counselor, online, UConn, Naugatuck Valley Community College, heard about it from a friend, other?

Please write a paragraph about yourself. How do you see yourself? What kind of person are you? Why do you want to pursue your education? Why do you think a career path in horticulture is the right one for you?

Student Signature: _____

Guidance counselor/advisor signature: _____

Name of High School or University/College: _____

Please be sure the following are attached before submitting your application:

- Application
- Acceptance letters, if received
- SAR (Student Aid Report – FAFSA)
- Financial aid award letters
- Official high school or college transcript
- Parent/Guardian information (page 5 & 6)
- 2 or more letters of recommendation. One must come from someone other than a teacher/guidance counselor.

The Connecticut Nurserymen’s Foundation wishes you success in whatever career path you take.

Application must be received no later than March 10, 2025. Submit electronically to:

ctnurserymen@gmail.com – Jim Messier, Executive Secretary, CNF

Supporting documents that cannot be scanned and sent electronically should be mailed to:

Jim Messier, Executive Secretary
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To be completed by the Parents/Guardians

Parent/Guardian Name (1): _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Email address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (2): _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Email address: _____

Is there likely to be a significant change in combined gross salary for 2025? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

List other children/dependents along with age and grade for the school year 2025-2026:

Did you file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) with Federal Student Aid Program on behalf of your son/daughter? Yes Date _____ No

Without this, your child will not be eligible for scholarship consideration. **CNF must receive this report no later than March 24, 2025.**

Are you eligible for a Pell Grant? Yes No

Divorced or separated parents must provide the following information:

Year of Separation: _____ Year of Divorce: _____

Other Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

According to court order, when will support for the student end?

Month and year: _____

Who claimed the student as a tax exemption for last year? _____

Is there an agreement specifying a contribution for the student's education?

Yes. If so, how much for the 2025-2026 school year? _____

No

Please write a statement that best explains the existing circumstances that affect your child's need for financial assistance:

Parent/Guardian (1) signature: _____

Parent/Guardian (2) signature: _____