

Leaside Garden Society Founders Scholarship

***Our Mission** – To establish a friendly meeting place to share, encourage, award and educate on the fundamental values and principles of gardening, concerns about the environment and to create a horticultural legacy within the community;*

To be an inspiration for gardening everywhere.

*This scholarship has been established to honour the initiative of those who in the 1980's had the foresight and energy to form the Leaside Garden Society. In its initial year, this scholarship is presented in memory of **Edna Beange**, a founding member of the Leaside Garden Society in 1986.*

The Scholarship

The Leaside Garden Society (LGS) is offering one \$1,000 (CDN) scholarship annually to a full time post-secondary student planning to enroll in the second, third or final year of a horticulture-related program from an accredited Canadian college or university.

Objective

To provide financial support to a student who will advance the knowledge of horticulture within the community.

Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program in horticulture or a related field of study such as botany, plant science, ecology, landscape architecture or environmental science from an accredited Canadian college or university. Consideration will be given to a candidate pursuing studies at other recognized Canadian institutions, at the discretion of the selection committee. The one-year scholarship will be granted for the upcoming academic year. Recipient may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Candidates who are present or previous residents of Leaside or a relative of a Leaside resident will receive extra consideration. For the purpose of this scholarship, Leaside includes North and South Leaside, Bennington Heights and Thorncliffe Park.

Other Conditions

The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient prior to the end of the fiscal year, September 30. The recipient will be invited to give a short presentation at the October meeting of LGS or submit a short 5 minute video describing an interesting horticulture project, assignment, or volunteer experience that s/he has undertaken that could be played at the October meeting.

The scholarship will be awarded annually for five years and renewed at the discretion of the board of LGS. The board will annually decide which founding member the award will honour.

The scholarship will be funded by the proceeds of the annual LGS Garden Tour. It may be promoted in LGS materials such as the LGS Website, Yearbook, newsletter and Garden Tour passport.

The scholarship may be promoted through www.findmyscholarships.com , <https://greencareerscanada.ca> , Landscape Ontario, the Ontario Horticulture Society and in local community media such as Leaside Life, real estate newsletters and other local media.

The scholarship may not be awarded in any given year if the LGS Board of Directors decides there are no suitable applicants.

Application Process

Candidates must submit the following between May 1 and June 30 for the upcoming academic year:

1. A LGS Scholarship Application Form that can be found on the LGS website,
2. An unofficial transcript from the present year of their program,
3. An essay (250-500 words) describing why s/he should receive the scholarship,
4. The Leaside address/name which links the applicant to Leaside, if applicable,
5. The name and contact information of two references relevant to their course of study.

The application package should be submitted by e-mail to leaside@gardenontario.org or by mail to:

Leaside Garden Society
c/o 464 Broadway Avenue
Toronto, ON M4G 2R5

Selection Process

The Board of Directors identifies a Scholarship Selection Subcommittee by the end of April each year.

Selection will be based on points awarded in the following areas: Academic, Leadership, Community Service, Involvement in Horticulture/Ecological Activities, Connection to Leaside, References and the Essay.

The chosen applicant will receive notification of their selection via a phone call and formal written notification by email. The chosen applicant must then submit evidence of enrolment for the upcoming academic year. Once the successful candidate has confirmed acceptance of the Scholarship, all other applicants will be notified.

All decisions for granting the Scholarship by the LGS Board of Directors are final.

The LGS wishes to acknowledge the Oakville Horticultural Society for their instrumental work in developing a horticulture scholarship and thank them for sharing their scholarship guidelines with Leaside.