



Antioch Garden Club/ Nancy Zitkus Scholarship

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<http://www.antiochgardenclub.org/>

The Antioch Garden Club is offering a \$2000.00 scholarship to students majoring in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, City Planning, Land Management and/or allied fields of study.

The scholarship is open to any person who resides in Antioch Township or neighboring communities and is a student at a 2 or 4-year college or university. Current high school seniors or returning adult students who are enrolling in a 2 or 4-year college or university are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Wittenberg (224)286-0018 or email jwitte3318@gmail.com or visit our website <http://www.antiochgardenclub.org>.

Enclosed you will find the rules for submission and application forms. Please feel free to share these documents and encourage eligible students to apply.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee
Antioch Garden Club

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Community Scholarship

The Antioch Garden Club (AGC) is an organization that serves the Antioch, Illinois community through charitable and philanthropic activities. It promotes conservation, beautification of our community, and intellectual development and sociability among its members.

Purpose of the Scholarship Programs:

AGC is proud of its scholarship program, which offers financial aid to students and adults and promotes study in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, City Planning, Land Management and/or allied subjects. Applicants must be majoring in one of these fields of study. The Community Scholarship Award will be \$2000.00

Eligibility:

Open to any person who resides in Antioch Township or neighboring communities. Must be currently enrolled at a 2-or 4-year college or university OR must be a current high school senior or a returning adult student who intends on enrolling at a 2- or 4-year college, university, or accredited technical school.

Application Process:

Complete the following application according to the directions provided. Include one letter of recommendation from a source other than a relative, who can describe your character.

Complete a personal statement essay (500 words or less) discussing your background, future goals, and commitment to chosen career. The essay must be typed, or computer generated using 12-point double spaced type.

Attach an official transcript from the school you most recently attended. DO NOT include any materials other than those requested.

All the materials are to be assembled and mailed as a complete packet to the AGC Scholarship Chairperson. All applications must be received by April 4, 2026

Selection Process:

Applications must be received no later than the deadline date. Applications received after that date will NOT be considered.

Applications must include all required information.

The selection process will be completed by a committee of AGC members.

Strong consideration will be given to the level of volunteerism, activities, and community service involvement.

All applicants will be notified of their status regarding the final selection.

The award will be distributed directly to the school on behalf of the student

The selected candidate will be asked to attend the AGC meeting on the afternoon of the second Saturday in June to be presented the scholarship award.

AGC Applicant No. _____

**Antioch Garden Club/ Nancy Zitkus
Community Scholarship Award Application
Must Be Received By: April 4, 2026**

Directions: This application is to be completed by the applicant as neatly as possible. When writing your personal statement essay (500 words or less), please do so in first person so that your name does not appear within the context of the essay. (Limited to two typed double-spaced or computer-generated pages double-spaced using 12 Pt font. Additional pages will not be accepted.)

School in which you are currently attending _____

What is your anticipated graduation date from the school listed above? _____

What is your cumulative grade point average to date? _____ On a 4.0 or 5.0 scale?

If you are a current high school student, please complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Anticipated major: _____

Have you been accepted at the school in which you hope to attend? _____

If you are a current college student, please complete the following:

College or university you plan to attend in the fall:

If you are transferring to the college or university in which you plan to attend, have you been accepted? _____

Please list any extra-curricular activities and community activities you currently participate in or have participated in previously. If you desire, please indicate any special circumstances or factors that should make your application stand out above all others.

CERTIFICATION:

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application, and its attachments, becomes the property of the Antioch Garden Club.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

The following attachments are required to complete this application. Please staple all materials together once in the upper, left-hand corner.

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