

I am an incoming senior at Carroll University. I am studying Environmental Science with minors in Natural Resource Management and Sociology of Sustainability. My education has helped me build a strong foundation in ecology, sustainability, and environmental systems, while also helping me understand how underserved communities are often the most affected by environmental issues. This is why the Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee's commitment to education and outreach strongly resonates with me.

I have gained hands-on experience as an ecological restoration technician and through several projects throughout my academic career. I conducted a goldenrod senescence research project, completed a watershed management project analyzing land use and non-point sources of pollution in local waterways, and used spatial analysis to identify environmental injustice hotspots throughout Milwaukee County. I have also helped organize an Earth Day event on my campus this year that focused on sustainability outreach and community engagement.

After graduation, I hope to work in environmental planning or sustainable infrastructure. I want to focus on creating spaces that incorporate native plants, support ecological restoration, and improve water quality. I am especially interested in designing spaces that help people feel more connected to nature while also benefiting the surrounding environment and community.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee for this scholarship opportunity and for your continued support of sustainability, horticulture, and community outreach. I truly appreciate your investment in students like myself who hope to make a positive impact through environmental work.