



## Rolling Meadows Garden Club Scholarship 2026

The **Rolling Meadows Garden Club (RMGC)** is offering two **\$500 scholarships** for the 2025-2026 school year. This program supports students dedicated to fields like horticulture, environmental issues, and landscape design.

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### Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** April 15, 2026.
- **Winner Notification:** First week of May 2026 (notified in writing).
- **Fund Disbursement:** Late July 2026 (sent directly to the school's Financial Aid Office).

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### Applicant Eligibility

To be considered, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- **Schooling:** Current senior at Rolling Meadows High School in Rolling Meadows, IL.
- **Enrollment:** Accepted and planning to attend an accredited community college, four-year college, or university full-time (minimum 12 graded hours).
- **Qualifying Majors:** Gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design, horticulture, agriculture, or a related field.
- **Financial Documentation:** Must show proof of a completed FAFSA.

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### Application Requirements

You must submit the following documents digitally via email to [rmgcscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:rmgcscholarship@gmail.com):

1. **Proof of FAFSA Completion:** A screenshot of your account completion message is acceptable.
2. **Proof of Acceptance:** A copy of your acceptance letter, email, or university portal update.

3. **One-Page Essay:** Detail your background, career goals, financial need, and any relevant honors or activities (especially horticulture-related).
4. **Letter of Recommendation:** From someone who can speak to your character and agriculture-related experience, such as a teacher, employer, or 4H leader.

**Submission Note:** Emails must include your **full name** and **school of acceptance** in the subject line. All forms must be typed or computer-generated; scanned handwriting must be legible to be considered.

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## Selection & Fund Details

- **Judging:** The Scholarship Committee evaluates applications based on the recommendation letter, personal inspiration, current activities, and future goals.
- **Usage:** Funds are limited to tuition, room, and board. No funds are sent directly to the student.
- **Terms:** If you change your major to a non-related field, withdraw, or lose full-time status, the balance of the funds must be returned.