



NORTH COUNTRY
GARDEN CLUB
OF LONG ISLAND, INC.

Will you be a freshman heading to college this fall to study:
Horticulture, Conservation, Sustainability,
Green Initiatives, Environmental Studies or
a Related Field?

The North Country Garden Club will award the
Virginia W. Smith Scholarship to a Long Island high
school senior pursuing one of these fields.

The Scholarship amount is \$2,500.

For more information and an application, contact:
Scholarship@ncgc.org or use code below



Application deadline: June 1, 2026.

A Zoom interview with the
North Country Garden Club's Scholarship Committee
will be held on June 6, 2026.

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Virginia W. Smith Scholarship

2026 Application Form

The Virginia W. Smith Scholarship will be awarded to a Long Island High School Senior who has maintained satisfactory grades and who has a desire to further their interest in Horticulture, Conservation, Sustainability, Green Initiatives or Environmental Studies at the college level. Other relevant studies may be considered.

Application Deadline, June 1, 2026

In addition to this completed application, a school transcript, essays and two (2) letters of recommendation are required.

I. General Application.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ New York Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Name _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City/Zip _____ City/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____
Home/Cell/Work Home/Cell/Work

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Programs Participated in: _____

Awards: _____

Leadership roles: _____

Anticipated College: _____ Major: _____

Hobbies/interests: _____

Future Plans: _____

(Please feel free to write on back or attach additional page if necessary)

II. References.

Please include two (2) letters of recommendation. These may be from teachers, coaches, employers or family friends.

1st Reference Info:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2nd Reference Info:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

III. ESSAYS (please answer A and B in two separate essays)

A. Please explain why you would be interested in this scholarship and why you have chosen this field of study. What do you feel you could add to this program?

B. Please choose one of the following topics and write a brief essay:

1. Describe one horticultural, conservation, **environmental** or sustainability studies class or a volunteer activity in which you have participated. How has it affected you as a person, and how has it affected your plans for the future?
2. What is it about you that makes you unique? What are your strengths that you would like us to know about?
3. Express your thoughts on an existing state or national **environmental** or sustainability program. Discuss its strengths and weaknesses.

Please return the completed application by US Mail:

The Scholarship Committee of NCGC
P. O. Box 21
Locust Valley, NY 11560

or EMAIL:

scholarship@ncgc.org

A Zoom interview with the committee will be held on June 6, 2026.
The scholarship recipient will be notified by July 1st.

In order to update North Country Garden Club members, scholarship recipients are asked to submit a brief report (250-500 words) by April 20, 2027. The report should discuss their freshman college experience to date, and their possible future plans.