

## The George W. Longenecker Memorial Scholarship Application

The West Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association offers a scholarship in the amount full-tuition reimburse for two years to graduating West Virginia high school seniors accepted in the Horticulture or Landscape Architecture Programs at West Virginia University's Davis College for Arts and Sciences.

Recipients will receive full tuition reimbursement for four semesters while maintaining a cumulative 3.0 GPA with full credits in either the Landscape Architecture or Horticultural Programs. WVNLA will check in with the scholarship recipient each semester to ensure the student has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA and is still enrolled in the Landscape Architecture or Horticultural programs. Recipients who do not maintain a 3.0 GPA will not be eligible to receive further scholarship funds until their cumulative GPA meets the 3.0 requirement. This scholarship is only available for the student's first four semesters.

Applicants must meet the following qualifications/requirements: be a **West Virginia resident**; be a high school senior accepted into **West Virginia University's Landscape Architecture or Horticulture programs** OR any in-state resident student entering/accepted into his or her first year of WVU Landscape Architecture or Horticulture program; and have a **high school GPA of 3.0** or higher.

Applicant must complete an online application and submit an essay stating his or her interest in Landscape Architecture or Ornamental Horticulture and why it he or she feels the development of future professionals in the nursery and landscape design industry is important to the state of West Virginia. Scholarship applications will also be scrutinized based on:

- an understanding of the major and profession,
- how the industry benefits the state of West Virginia,
- what career they hope to follow after graduation,
- how the major could be applied in their current community;
- and any work or study experience the applicant has in the green industry.

Please include a copy of your Davis College acceptance letter and a current transcript listing your GPA.

Students should be aware that the use of Artificial Intelligence in writing the essay is strongly discouraged and that the essay will be subject to AI-discerning software. **The deadline to apply is March 15. Semifinalists may be scheduled for a Zoom interview with scholarship committee members.**

For any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact Julie Robinson, WVNLA Executive Director at wvnlassoc@gmail.com or 304-553-1234.

*George Longenecker dedicated a lifetime to the study and mentorship of landscape architecture. George was instrumental in developing the landscape architecture program at West Virginia University, where he was beloved by his students and fellow faculty members for his personality and knowledge of plant materials. He founded and led the effort to organize and establish the West Virginia Botanic Garden in Morgantown. For 35 years, George served as an advisor for the Pennsylvania Conservancy-sponsored*

*summer landscape architecture internship program for the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Fallingwater in Mill Run, PA.*

### Contact information

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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High School Attended and County: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor/Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted into the Landscape Architecture or Horticulture program at WVU? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach an essay describing your his interest in Landscape Architecture or Ornamental Horticulture and why you feel the development of future professionals in the nursery and landscape design industry is important to the state of West Virginia.

**Scholarship Application:** Please submit to: WVNLA, P. O. Box 20284, Charleston, WV 25362. Questions: wvnlassoc@gmail.com or 304-553-1234