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## Festival of Trees Scholarship Fund 2024

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be attending a two- or four-year New Hampshire college or university, full-time, pursuing a degree in Natural Resources, Forestry, Plant Biology, Sustainability or a related environmental major. Applicants must have completed at least one semester and have a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average.

The scholarship committee also considers work experience, community involvement and other activities that support career goals. Preference will be given to a student who resides and intends to work in the Seacoast area.

### Application Instructions

To apply for this scholarship students can either download the below form or complete an online application on the Portsmouth Garden Club website: [www.portsmouthnhgardenclub.com](http://www.portsmouthnhgardenclub.com)

Please email or mail the following items (incomplete applications will not be considered):

- A completed and signed 2024 application
- Your official sealed college transcript; electronic transcripts accepted
- One **recent** letter of recommendation from a faculty instructor or employer

Documents may be mailed to:

Portsmouth Garden Club  
PO Box 8431  
Portsmouth, NH 03801-8431  
ATTN: Scholarships

### **Application Deadline April 30, 2024**

If you have any questions regarding the process of applying for the **Festival of Trees Scholarship**, please contact the Portsmouth Garden Club at

[portsmouthnhgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:portsmouthnhgardenclub@gmail.com)

# **Festival of Trees Scholarship Fund 2024**

## **History**

The Festival of Trees Scholarship is supported by the proceeds from the Festival of Trees which is held every other year at the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth. The Festival of Trees is co-sponsored by the Portsmouth Garden Club and the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands – Urban Forestry Center. The event brings together garden centers, garden clubs, businesses, and individuals who inspire thousands of visitors with ideas for holiday celebration and decorating. Since 1983 more than \$150,000 has been donated to educational programs, beautification projects and historic homes throughout Portsmouth and surrounding towns.

The Portsmouth Garden Club was established in 1931 to promote all phases of gardening, to practice and encourage the conservation of our natural resources, to foster educational goals and to initiate projects which provide cooperative efforts to increase and protect the beauty and history of the Portsmouth area. For more information go to [www.portsmouthnhgardenclub.com](http://www.portsmouthnhgardenclub.com).

The Urban Forestry Center is managed by the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands. The 182-acre property was a gift to the people of New Hampshire by John Elwyn Stone in 1976. The purpose of the Center is to increase awareness of the importance of natural resources. Our mission is accomplished through educational programs, self guided trails and demonstration gardens. The property is open to the public for walking/hiking, bird watching, biking, snowshoeing and appreciating nature.

*The State of New Hampshire is an equal opportunity employer in cooperation with the  
U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Permanent Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

College Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current college students who are graduating in spring 2024 and plan to attend college in the fall, should list the college, the major and date of acceptance.

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List recent community and /or school activities in which you have participated.

Activity How Long? Position

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Work Experience

Employer How Long? Position

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

May we contact? Yes / No Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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May we contact? Yes / No Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer the following questions. Answers can be written below or attached on one separate page.

Please describe your career goals.

Please explain any personal circumstances that make it necessary for you to seek financial assistance for your education. List any other financial aid that you have received, educational loans and any other information you feel the committee may need to evaluate your application.

I certify that the information I have reported on this application is true and accurate. I have provided to the committee my most recent official sealed college transcript and my letter of recommendation. I give my permission for photos of me to be used on the Portsmouth Garden Club and Urban Forestry Center websites as well as for promotional purposes for the Festival of Trees Scholarship Committee.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_