



Master Gardener-in-Training – Bursary

Toronto Master Gardeners (TMG) are committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in everything we do. We don't want economic circumstances to be a barrier to joining TMG, so we offer a bursary to cover the tuition cost of our Education Program.

What does the bursary cover?

Each year, **one** bursary will be available to one applicant in the new class of Master Gardeners-in-Training (MGiT). The bursary will cover the cost of tuition for one MGiT until the conclusion of their Education Program (up to 3 years of the training period /3 courses at University of Guelph or 4 courses at Dalhousie*). Once awarded there is no requirement to reapply in subsequent years of the training period. Over the course of the Education Program the bursary has a value of \$1785. Other or additional educational costs are not covered by this bursary. The bursary is being offered out of TMG surplus funds. Once a bursary is awarded it is guaranteed for the duration of MGiT's Education Program and is only payable for the cost of each course once. Offering of new awards may be terminated at any time.

Who is eligible?

The bursary will be awarded to an MGiT who meets the requirement to join our training program and who's financial situation would otherwise make the tuition cost a barrier. TMG is committed to fostering equitable access to financial support and takes social location and financial circumstance into consideration when distributing support. We encourage people who identify as newcomers, immigrants, migrants, as well as folks who identify as Black, Indigenous, people of colour, gender diverse, or as part of the LGBTQIA+ community to apply and identify which groups they belong to in their application process. All information is confidential and will help us better distribute our bursary with an equity-based approach.

How is the bursary paid?

The bursary will be paid via eTransfer or cheque to the MGiT, to be used as payment for the first course. MGiT is required to give receipt of course payment promptly to the TMG Treasurer. Payment for subsequent courses will be made once proof of completion of previous courses is provided. The Bursary Committee reserves the right to not award the bursary in any given year if need has not been shown.

Suspension of Bursary

Toronto Master Gardeners are expected to follow a Code of Conduct. In the event of a breach of the Code a recipient's award of bursary may be reviewed by the Executive.

*The Bursary Committee may choose to award an applicant who is undertaking the MGOI Certification Exam instead of University courses up to the amount of \$250.

Bursary Application requirements:

To apply for a bursary please email the Executive Coordinator- coordinator@torontomastergardeners.ca, with a completed application. You must also complete the Application to Become a Master Gardener. All information can be found here:

<https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/become-a-master-gardener/>

Deadline for Bursary Applications will be September 30st and awarded by December 1st of each year.