



Toronto Master Gardeners announces first diversity bursary.

(Toronto, ON) -- Toronto Master Gardeners (TMG) is pleased to announce the creation of its first educational bursary. The bursary will cover tuition costs for the recipient to attend the Master Gardener of Ontario education program at either University of Guelph or Dalhousie University.

The new bursary program is the cornerstone of Toronto Master Gardener's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program.

"Toronto Master Gardeners 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 are offering an educational 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.

Who is eligible?

The bursary will be awarded to an MGiT who meets the requirement to join our program and whose 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 group(s) they represent in their application. All information will be kept confidential.

How is the bursary paid?

The bursary will be paid via eTransfer or cheque to the MGIT recipient.

To apply to become a Master Gardener in Training visit:

<https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/become-a-master-gardener/> or contact:
coordinator@torontomastergardeners.ca

Bursary Application requirements:

The deadline for Bursary Applications is September 30st and the recipient will be notified by December 1st.

Application forms are available at

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

About Toronto Master Gardeners

Toronto Master Gardeners, formed in 1988, are volunteers whose mandate is to share current, science-based horticultural information with the gardening public.

To become a Master Gardener please visit:

[torontomastergardeners.ca/become-a-master-gardener/](https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/become-a-master-gardener/) or contact:
training@torontomastergardeners.ca

TMG is one of 29 regional branches of the Master Gardeners of Ontario; the new logo will help the gardening public recognize the Toronto-specific group, providing urban horticultural education.

For more information please visit: [torontomastergardeners.ca](https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca)

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