



# Scholarship Grading Form

## Scoring Instructions

Rate each section on the scale provided. Add comments to justify scores. **Total possible points: 100**

### Section 1: Industry Employment/Education (25 points)

**Current employment in floriculture industry OR proof of enrollment in related studies**

- **Excellent (23-25 points):** Currently employed full-time in floriculture with significant responsibilities OR enrolled in comprehensive floral/horticulture program with excellent standing
- **Good (18-22 points):** Currently employed part-time in floriculture OR enrolled in related program with good standing
- **Satisfactory (13-17 points):** Recently employed in floriculture or newly enrolled in related studies
- **Needs Improvement (8-12 points):** Limited employment/education experience in floriculture
- **Inadequate (0-7 points):** No clear connection to floriculture industry or education

Score: \_\_\_\_/25

Comments:

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### Section 2: Career Goals & Motivation (25 points)

**Clearly defined career goals relating directly to floriculture industry and demonstrated motivation**

- **Excellent (23-25 points):** Specific, well-articulated career goals with clear connection to floriculture; demonstrates exceptional passion and commitment to the industry
- **Good (18-22 points):** Clear career goals related to floriculture; shows strong motivation and understanding of industry
- **Satisfactory (13-17 points):** General career goals in floriculture; adequate motivation expressed
- **Needs Improvement (8-12 points):** Vague career goals; limited demonstration of motivation toward floriculture
- **Inadequate (0-7 points):** No clear career goals or connection to floriculture industry

Score: \_\_\_\_/25

Comments:

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## Section 3: Application Quality & Completeness (20 points)

Thoroughness, accuracy, and professionalism of application

- **Excellent (18-20 points):** All questions answered completely and accurately; professional presentation; error-free
- **Good (14-17 points):** Most questions answered well; minor omissions or errors; generally professional
- **Satisfactory (11-13 points):** Adequate completion; some questions lack detail; few errors
- **Needs Improvement (8-10 points):** Several incomplete answers; multiple errors; unprofessional presentation
- **Inadequate (0-7 points):** Major sections incomplete; numerous errors; poor presentation

Score: \_\_\_\_/20

Comments:

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## Section 4: Letter of Recommendation (15 points)

Quality and credibility of reference letter from acceptable source

**Acceptable references:** Former/current employers, instructors, teachers, WUMFA members, or others in positions of responsibility who can objectively assess applicant's qualities. (*NOT relatives or close friends*)

- **Excellent (14-15 points):** Strong, detailed recommendation from highly credible source; specific examples of applicant's qualities and potential
- **Good (11-13 points):** Positive recommendation from credible source; good assessment of applicant's abilities
- **Satisfactory (8-10 points):** Adequate recommendation from acceptable source; general comments about applicant
- **Needs Improvement (5-7 points):** Weak recommendation or questionable source credibility
- **Inadequate (0-4 points):** Poor recommendation, unacceptable reference source, or missing letter

Score: \_\_\_\_/15

Comments:

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## Section 5: Financial Need & Scholarship Utilization Plan (10 points)

**Demonstrated need for financial assistance and clear plan for using scholarship funds**

**Scholarship can be used for:** WUMFA Educational workshops, Certified Florist program, Annual Convention registration (excluding Saturday evening banquet)

- **Excellent (9-10 points):** Clear financial need demonstrated; specific, realistic plan for scholarship use that aligns with career goals
- **Good (7-8 points):** Financial need evident; good plan for scholarship utilization
- **Satisfactory (5-6 points):** Some financial need shown; adequate plan for funds
- **Needs Improvement (3-4 points):** Limited demonstration of need; vague utilization plan
- **Inadequate (0-2 points):** No clear financial need or plan for scholarship use

Score: \_\_\_\_/10

Comments:

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## Section 6: Supporting Materials (5 points)

Recent photograph and overall presentation

- **Excellent (5 points):** Professional recent photo included; all materials well-organized and complete
- **Good (4 points):** Appropriate photo included; materials generally well-presented
- **Satisfactory (3 points):** Adequate photo and materials
- **Needs Improvement (1-2 points):** Poor quality photo or missing materials
- **Inadequate (0 points):** No photo or severely inadequate materials

Score: \_\_\_\_/5

Comments:

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## SCORING SUMMARY

Section	Points Earned	Points Possible
Industry Employment/Education	___/25	25
Career Goals & Motivation	___/25	25
Application Quality	___/20	20
Letter of Recommendation	___/15	15
Financial Need & Plan	___/10	10
Supporting Materials	___/5	5
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>___/100</b>	<b>100</b>

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## OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

- ☐ **Highly Recommend** (85-100 points) - Outstanding candidate who clearly meets all criteria
- ☐ **Recommend** (70-84 points) - Strong candidate who meets most criteria well
- ☐ **Consider** (55-69 points) - Adequate candidate who meets basic requirements
- ☐ **Do Not Recommend** (Below 55 points) - Does not meet minimum standards

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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**Judge Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note: All scholarships are awarded up to \$250 and are valid for 12 months. Funds not used within 12 months roll back to the general scholarship fund.*