



**Charles E. Wilson**  
Memorial Scholarship  
Application Form

**Purpose of Scholarship**

Charles Wilson founded Wilson Nurseries in 1979. Much through his passion for horticulture, energetic spirit & true grit, it became one of Kentucky’s largest nursery businesses. Throughout his career he lent his expertise and guidance in several horticulture associations, specifically as President of the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association and the Kentucky Horticulture Council. During his leadership, Charlie was instrumental in securing grant monies to assist associations with educational development and to aid universities with research and extension in horticulture. His family & friends intend that this scholarship be used to assist and serve as an encouragement for students in horticulture and related areas of study. It is their hope that it will help instill in them a love of horticulture, so that they may continue their careers and be involved in promoting the nursery industry.

**Eligibility**

Eligible students are those who are legal residents of Kentucky. In addition, students must be enrolled in a recognized horticulture or related program at any college, university or community college of their choice.

The Charles E. Wilson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of information provided in this form, the applicant’s transcript, and in the required letters of reference. The Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association is an equal opportunity organization and its programs are offered to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, religion, veteran status, national origin, sex or disability.

**Please complete all required fields**

Students Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Students Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Information  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
What was your class rank? \_\_\_\_\_ Of?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant’s Course Work and Performance**

High School Information

Cumulative High School Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s College Entrance Examination Score(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Combined Score: \_\_\_\_\_

College Information

At which institution are you enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your major concentration? \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) to date of application (must be 2.5 or above): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently enrolled in a college or university, attach a copy of your most recent transcripts. In the spaces below list the courses in your major or concentration that you have completed and the grade received in each course.

Course Title	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**For All Applicants**

*(Using additional pages is allowed in this section)*

Work Experience

List places of employment (including family business) where you were hired to perform horticulture, nursery or landscape related tasks. After each place of employment, briefly describe what you accomplished and what you learned.

Personal Experience

Briefly list below any horticulture, nursery or landscape professional experiences that you have obtained. Examples would include attendance or exposure at nursery industry trade shows, educational conferences & seminars, horticulture clubs, FFA activities, etc...

Honors and Awards

Community Activities

Briefly describe any community organizations or activities in which you have been actively involved.

Extracurricular Activities

List any extracurricular activities, clubs or teams in which you have been involved. Indicate length of involvement and any offices in which you held.

Motivations or Intentions

Write a paragraph describing your career goals and aspirations.

### Financial Need

Indicate any circumstance with regard to financial need that might be considered in addition to other criteria.

### References

Attach three (3) letters of reference from either an employer, supervisor, instructor, teacher or professor and a personal letter of reference (i.e. clergy, friends (letterhead preferred). Family members will not be considered as a reference.

### **Presentation of Awards**

Annual Scholarship will total -\$1,000

KNLA will award one (1) scholarship per year based on the applications received. A copy of the Spring transcript with cumulative (GPA) of 2.5 or above is required.

### Conditions

I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the above conditions and attest that the provided information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The completed application, letters of reference and college transcripts must be received at the KNLA office or postmarked ~~no later than May 31~~. Applications received or postmarked after May 31 will not be considered. **Deadline extended July 31, 2022**

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