

## Monty Dale Gearner Memorial College Scholarship Program

### Ellis County Master Gardener Association Disciplines which Relate to Horticulture

The Monty Dale Gearner Memorial College Scholarship Program is administered by the Ellis County Master Gardener Association (ECMGA) and has been created in memory of Monty Dale Gearner, a dedicated member of the ECMGA.

The ECMGA is a not-for-profit Section 501 (c) (3) federal tax-exempt organization founded in 1997, and is an educational volunteer program conducted by the Texas Agrilife Extension Service of Texas A & M University. Monty Gearner, like his fellow Master Gardeners had special training in horticulture and contributed his time as a volunteer providing horticultural related information to the citizens and communities of Ellis County.

The family of Monty wanted him to be honored and remembered by creating a scholarship program that would be available to graduating Ellis County high school students. It is the intent of the family to provide a scholarship for graduating high school seniors in Ellis County to study horticulture and/or related agricultural sciences at the College/University level.

Horticulturists can work in industry, governmental entities or educational institutions or private nurseries or gardens. For example, they can be wholesale or retail business managers, landscape architects, water and irrigation specialists, arborist, turf grass specialists, plant propagators, crop production advisers, crop inspectors, cropping systems engineers, green house managers, extension specialists, plant geneticist, research scientists, and of course science/biology/botanist teachers.

Other disciplines that relate and complement horticulture include: agriculture, biology, botany, agricultural chemistry, entomology, environmental sciences, plant genetics, landscape design, plant physiology, sustainable agriculture, urban/rural geography, rural land resource management and soil conservation planning.

The Monty Dale Gearner Memorial Scholarship is open to students who are graduating high school seniors currently residing in Ellis County and attend an Ellis County School District High School, Charter School or Ellis County Home School Program.

Students applying for the Monty Dale Gearner Memorial Scholarship are invited to visit the ECMGA web site (<http://www.ecmga.com>) to download application information and the application form. That information can be found under the "What's Happening" tab. Completed applications may be submitted by mail or in person to the Monty Dale Gearner Memorial Scholarship Program in care of the ECMGA, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 701 South I-35, Suite 3, Waxahachie, TX. 75165. If you need further information, please call 972-825-5175. **All applications must be submitted to that office by no later than 4:00 P.M., March 15, 2019.**

