

Laimons E. and Silvia Drupa Scholarship Selection and Award Criteria

1. **Eligibility:** A scholarship applicant must be:
 - a. A graduating senior from a high school in Broome County, New York.
 - b. Planning to major in a university undergraduate program in or directly related to Horticulture, Botany, Biology (not-pre-med), or Environmental Studies.
 - c. Able to demonstrate financial need.
2. **Criteria for Scholarship Award:**
 - a. High School academic achievements.
 - b. Extra-curricular activities, **particularly those related to chosen field of undergraduate study.**
 - c. Service to the community outside the scholastic environment **with emphasis on those related to chosen field of undergraduate study.**
 - d. Personal letter and interview.
 - e. Letters of Recommendation.
 - f. Financial need.
3. **Documents to be furnished by the applicant:**
 - a. Original Laimons E. and Silvia Drupa Scholarship Application with all required sections completed.
 - b. Transcript of academic records with official seal from a Broome County High School
 - c. Typed summary describing applicant's high school extra-curricular activities.
 - d. Typed description of applicant's service to the community outside of the scholastic environment.
 - e. A personal letter written by the applicant describing why he/she should receive this scholarship.
 - f. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one from a High School faculty member and one from a community member describing why they think the applicant should be considered.
 - g. Demonstration of financial need. This can shall be in the form of a completed "Student Aid Report" (SAR), and a copy of the parents' most recent Federal and State Income Tax submissions.
 - h. In addition to providing the above documents, the applicant may be requested to attend a personal interview with the selection committee.
4. **Selection Process:**
 - a. The Binghamton Garden Club, Inc. Scholarship Committee, to be known herein as the committee, shall review the documentation submitted by each applicant. Any application that is incomplete will not be processed until the applicant supplies the missing documentation. The committee shall promptly notify the applicant what additional documentation is required.
 - b. Applicants will be scored on a 100 point basis as follows:
 - i. High School academic achievements – a maximum of 35 points.
 - ii. Financial need – a maximum of 35 points.
 - iii. Extra-curricular activities – a maximum of 10 points, **with emphasis on activities associated with chosen major.**
 - iv. Service to the community and letters of recommendation- a maximum of 10 points.
 - v. Applicant's personal letter - a maximum of 10 points.
 - c. The committee shall weigh all above factors to determine the most deserving recipient(s). The committee reserves the right to decline to award any scholarship if no applicant is deemed satisfactory. The decision of the committee is final.
5. **Restrictions:**

If any applicant is related to a committee member or to a close friend of a committee member, that committee member will recuse themselves before the selection process begins. The Scholarship Chair will appoint another member of the Binghamton Garden Club, Inc. to fill this committee seat.
6. **Award(s):** The committee may make single or multiple award recommendations per instruction from the Drupa Trustees. After the committee makes their selection, they shall forward their recommendations to the Trustees for review. The Laimons E. and Silvia Drupa Trustees reserve the right to decline to award any scholarship if no applicant is deemed satisfactory.

Binghamton Garden Club, Inc.

THE LAIMONS E. AND SILVIA DRUPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or neatly print the following information:

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PRINCIPAL _____ COUNSELOR _____

PLANNED MAJOR _____

COLLEGE ENROLLED IN _____ PHONE # _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

Please attach the following supporting documents:

1. Transcript of academic achievements from your Broome County High School.
2. A resume' of your extra-curricular activities related to your chosen major.
3. A description of your service to the community outside the scholastic environment.
4. A letter, in your own words, as to why you should receive this scholarship.
5. Two letters of recommendation, one from a High School faculty member, and one from a community member.
6. Demonstration of Financial need (please submit both):
 - a. A completed "Student Aid Report" (SAR).
 - b. Your parents' most recent Federal and State Income Tax submission.

(NOTE: The Federal and State Income Tax forms will be returned after completion of the scholarship selection process.)

Deadline for submission is Thursday 30 April 2026.

Please mail to:

Laimons E and Silvia Drupa Scholarship Trust
C/O Mary Jo Rankin
50 Riverview Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13904-1753