



# Desert Green Foundation

## Linn Mills Scholarship

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*Linn Mills was a founding Father of the Desert Green Foundation, brilliant horticulturist, and life-long supporter of horticulture education. In honorarium, the Desert Green Foundation offers scholarship awards to students enrolled in higher education pursuits.*

### **Application Criteria:**

Applicant must be currently attending an accredited university in pursuit of a certificate and/or degree in Agricultural Science (includes horticulture, landscape, agronomy, irrigation, architecture, arboriculture, etc.).

- ✓ enrolled in a minimum of 6 units of related classes per quarter/semester
- ✓ in good academic standing maintaining a minimum of a “C” grade in each class currently attending
- ✓ showing an overall GPA of 2.5 for all courses completed within the major course of study thus far

### **Support Documentation Required:**

- Current and other college transcripts (If horticulture course work has been completed at other institutions.)
- Completed Desert Green Scholarship Application Form
- Cover letter stating academic and professional goals
- Current resume listing past five years of job experience, acquired skills and knowledge, prior academic degrees, extra-curricular involvement in industry organizations, volunteer efforts, etc.
- Two letters of recommendation from instructors, employers, acquaintances of two or more years

**Additional:** If awarded scholarship, then proof of current enrollment/progress report for fall semester attendance must be submitted by October 1st in order to receive award. Awardee/s will be sent progress report form upon selection.

### **Selection Process:**

Selection is done by committee review. Each applicant will be individually reviewed and assigned points based upon the following criteria:

- ✓ Completed application package with all criteria fulfilled
- ✓ Clearly defined educational and professional goals
- ✓ Academic standing
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities

**Scholarship Applications are accepted until September 15, 2023, 5 pm.** Applicants will be notified of results by September 30th. Awards will be presented at the annual Desert Green Conference/Las Vegas. Awardee/s have the option to apply for the **FEES (Fortier Excellence in Education Scholarship)** award, which offers full conference registration and all expenses paid for travel and lodging to attend the conference.

Web submission is preferred - <https://forms.gle/nnEhngTRr9z5GHFAA>

If internet accessibility is challenging, application packets may be emailed to: [desertgreen@epicentermgmt.us](mailto:desertgreen@epicentermgmt.us) or mailed to: Desert Green Foundation, 31910 Country Club Drive, Porterville, CA 93257.

Please submit any questions or clarification requests to Cayenne Engel, [cengel@forestry.nv.gov](mailto:cengel@forestry.nv.gov)



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Name:

Mailing Address:

Email address:

Phone:

Name of College Attending:

Department Chair/Coordinator, email address, phone:

Major area of specialty:

Overall GPA:

Expected date of certificate/degree completion (mm/yy):

Please highlight in transcripts, or attach a separate list, the following information:

\*Courses successfully completed in major area of study

\*Classes (planned) Fall semester/quarter:

\*Applicant must be attending at least 6 units of coursework at time of application and in the following fall semester. Proof of attendance and instructor approval will be required before scholarship award is granted in October.

### **Fortier Excellence in Education Scholarship (FEES)**

*Joe Fortier was one of the founding members of the Desert Green Foundation. Joe was a highly regarded member of the landscape irrigation industry throughout the Desert Southwest and a tireless advocate of continued education for industry professionals. The **Fortier Excellence in Education Scholarship (FEES)** award will allow the awardee/s to attend the annual Desert Green conference to accept the Linn Mills Scholarship award. FEES will pay for both days and cover all registration fees for educational sessions, meals, handouts, and entrance to the trade show. Travel and lodging will be included for out-of-the area recipients.*

- Yes, if awarded scholarship, I would like to also receive FEES support so I may attend the Desert Green Conference
- No, I am unable to attend. Please mail my award upon receipt of the Attendance Progress report/Fall semester/quarter