

February 2020

Dear Horticultural Therapy Student,

Each year The Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Therapy Network (MAHTN) offers “**The Linda Ciccantelli Memorial Scholarship**” for academic achievement to one or more a student(s) currently pursuing a career in horticultural therapy. The award includes \$500 to be used towards academic or internship requirements, complimentary admission to the 2020 Annual MAHTN Conference, and a complimentary one-year MAHTN membership.

To be considered for this scholarship students must meet the following requirements:

- Live in the MAHTN (Eastern/Mid-Atlantic) region
- Be enrolled in a college level program and/or an internship program (under the direction of an HTR) and be pursuing horticultural therapy as a career
- Fill-out and submit the application (download application packet from the MAHTN website or request packet from info@mahtn.org)
- Request letter of recommendation from any professor or internship supervisor (use request form found in application packet) Letter can be sent with student application or under separate cover
- Documents must be submitted for timely processing by April 1st:
 - **email to: info@mahtn.org (preferred)**
 - **US mail to: MAHTN Scholarship Application, PO Box 574, Chappaqua, NY 10514**
- Education, experience, career goals and letter of recommendation will be considered in choosing award recipient(s)
- In the event that MAHTN receives multiple applications from equally deserving candidates a request for current transcripts may be requested

A panel composed of former members of MAHTN Board of Directors will review applications and applicants will be informed of the results in the Spring. Scholarships will be presented at MAHTN’s General Meeting, held during the 2020 Annual Conference in September. Recipients are encouraged to attend the conference to receive their scholarship.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Dee

Dee Young

MAHTN Board Member

Coordinator for Awards and Scholarships

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The Linda M. Ciccantelli Memorial Scholarship

"The Linda M. Ciccantelli Memorial Scholarship" was created in 2007 by the Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Therapy Network (MAHTN), to provide financial aid and encouragement to students interested in pursuing a career in horticultural therapy. It is intended to aide students with costs for educational and internship expenses on their path to earn the designation of Registered Horticultural Therapist (HTR).

Linda M. Ciccantelli is considered a pioneer in the practice of horticultural therapy (HT). She originated the well-known HT program at Magee Rehab Hospital in Philadelphia, PA, in 1976 and her work was featured in a 2004 Time Magazine article.

For many years, Linda taught an "Introduction to Horticultural Therapy" course at Temple University Ambler campus. She passionately educated young students who are the current leaders in the field. Linda served on the American Horticultural Therapy Association board of directors for ten years and was a founding member and president of the Delaware Valley Chapter of AHTA, which later became the Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Therapy Network we know today.

Linda is known for co-writing a chapter in the book *Horticulture As Therapy, Principles and Practice*, Sharon Simson & Martha Straus, editors. This book is often used as the horticultural therapy textbook in schools and universities. (Chapter 4. *Stroke, Spinal Cord, and Physical Disabilities, and Horticultural Therapy Practice*.)

When Linda passed away in 2007, The Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Therapy Network memorialized her contributions to the field of horticultural therapy by naming this scholarship in her honor.

We are proud to support horticultural therapy students in the Mid-Atlantic Region by offering them the opportunity to apply for this scholarship.

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“The Linda Ciccantelli Memorial Scholarship”

One or more academic scholarships will be offered to a student living in the Mid-Atlantic Region and pursuing a career in horticultural therapy. Awarded funds are to be used for educational or internship expenses in the coming year. See cover letter for application requirements and additional benefits.

****Responses are expected to be typed, double spaced, using 12pt. font and emailed to: info@mahtn.org**
****If handwritten, please use additional paper for long answers and write legibly in black ink and mail to:
MAHTN Scholarship Application, PO Box 574, Chappaqua, NY 10514**

2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DATE:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER(S):

E-MAIL:

Are you a MAHTN member?

Have you attended any MAHTN events?

(Answers to above questions are for our information only and do not factor into scholarship award)

Previous Education:

1. Please outline your educational background up to this point (previous degrees, field of study, etc.)

Current Education:

2. In which university and/or educational program are you currently attending or enrolled in (as preparation towards a career in HT)?

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REQUEST and INSTRUCTION FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Students: Please provide this letter of introduction to your instructor or supervisor when requesting a letter of recommendation.

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Dear Instructor or Internship Supervisor,

You've been asked to write a letter of recommendation by a horticultural therapy student, applying for MAHTN's "**The Linda Ciccantelli Memorial Scholarship**" for academic achievement in the field of horticultural therapy education.

One of MAHTN's guiding mission points is promoting and supporting horticultural therapy education. To that end, we are honored to offer this scholarship each year to one or more students pursuing horticultural therapy as a profession. The scholarship is awarded based on merit. The impartial review panel of credentialed HTR practitioners is composed of former MAHTN BOD members who have worked and taught in the field of HT for many years. They consider education, work experience, career goals, aspirations, commitment to the field and a letter of recommendation when reviewing applications.

We ask that you address as many of the following points as you can in relation to this student's performance based on your observations, the student's grades, and any other factors you believe to be relevant to helping us understand the student's commitment to a career in HT.

- Level of performance (academic and in the field)
- Attitude towards studies or work responsibilities
- Long range goals and aspirations
- Level of initiation and participation in class or within the parameters of an internship
- Interaction and communication with others (especially within special needs populations)

When complete you may use one of the following procedures to submit your letter:

- **return letter to student to submit with their application**
- **email letter directly to MAHTN at: info@mahtn.org**
- **send by US mail to: MAHTN Scholarship Application, PO Box 574, Chappaqua, NY 10514**

Thank you for your time and efforts in educating our future horticultural therapy practitioners.

Sincerely,

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