

For Students Pursuing the Horticulture Certificate

The J. Michael Baer Scholarship Fund, established in 2018, supports students enrolled in the [UCLA Extension Horticulture Certificate](#). This scholarship was created to provide qualified individuals who have demonstrated a financial need and interest in horticulture with the opportunity to complete their certificate at UCLA Extension. Scholarships may also be awarded to students who would otherwise be unable to afford the cost of tuition.

"Wherever we're asked to begin, in the end we have one purpose: to create beautiful surroundings that nurture and inspire." –GreenTree Landscaping

About J. Michael Baer

The roots of Mr. Baer's passion for landscaping are personal and started when he was a small boy following behind his father's tractor on the family farm. After leaving the family farm to become captain of a fire engine company, finishing a political science degree at UCLA, and traveling the world as a foreign-post journalist, Mr. Baer returned to Los Angeles and formally opened his landscaping company. As an Advisory Board member of the Horticulture & Gardening Program at UCLA Extension, Mr. Baer has been involved in curriculum development and a long-time supporter of students of the program.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen with a green card who is currently enrolled in the Horticulture Certificate and has paid the certificate candidacy fee.
- At the time of application for this scholarship, applicants must have enrolled in one horticulture program course at UCLA Extension and successfully passed with a letter grade of B or higher.
- Must be in good standing at the time of application, and students must follow all regulations and policies of UCLA Extension.
- Applications to be received by the application deadline shown below. Late applications will not be reviewed.
- UCLA and UCLA Extension employees and their family dependents are not eligible to apply.

To apply, candidates must submit:

- Completed application form. Applicants must submit information on the attached application form, as a Word document or PDF.
- Two letters of reference, scanned as PDF or JPG format. Letters of reference may not be from relatives or family members.
- Eligibility criteria for all final candidates will be checked and confirmed by UCLA Extension.
- Applications will only be accepted per the dates listed on [page 2](#).
- Submit completed application and all required materials via one email to horticulture@unex.ucla.edu. Multiple emails are not acceptable.
- Only completed applications will be considered (including letters of reference). Submission of applications that are incomplete, late, or from students who are not eligible will be disqualified. Applications will not be returned.

2021/22 Application Cycles and Deadlines

Application Period	Application Deadline	Notification of Winners	Earliest Quarter Eligible to Use Scholarship
December 1–January 3, 2022	January 3, 2022	3rd week of February	Spring Quarter
May 9–June 10, 2022	June 10, 2022	3rd week of July	Fall Quarter

Terms and Conditions

- Scholarship money to be used only for Horticulture Certificate course tuition fees. Course materials and textbooks are not covered.
- Scholarship may cover all or part of tuition fees.
- Scholarships are paid directly to the UC Regents. No cash disbursements to students.
- Scholarships are offered at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, which consists of the Horticulture & Gardening Program Director, one program Advisory Board member, one current or past program instructor, and a representative from the Baer family.
- Scholarship application deadlines are in January and June of every year. Scholarships may be renewed once for a period of one year, provided that the applicant:
 - Earns a letter grade of “B” or better in each certificate course
 - Provides a written report to the Program Director at the conclusion of each year describing their academic progress
 - Maintains enrollment status through the whole quarter

Applicants selected for a scholarship will receive notification by email. Scholarship recipients can utilize their awards to offset the course fee beginning the quarter after they apply and for up to one year from the award date.

If you have questions about the J. Michael Baer Scholarship or the application process, please contact Melissa McDonald via email mmcdonald@unex.ucla.edu or by phone at (310) 825-9414.

The J. Michael Baer Horticulture Scholarship Application



Student Information

UCLA EXTENSION ID# () -	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
DAYTIME TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS	

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Tell us about yourself:

- Past employment, horticultural experience, hobbies etc.

Your goals and passion:

- Please outline in 500-700 words your goal for pursuing a Horticulture Certificate.

Finances:

- Please describe your current financial situation. Why are you seeking this scholarship?

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References

As part of the email submittal package, provide two letters of reference addressed to the J. Michael Baer Scholarship Committee and two references below. References may not be relatives or family members.

Reference (1)

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REFERENCE NAME

CONTACT NUMBER

REFERENCE EMAIL ADDRESS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

Reference (2)

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REFERENCE NAME

CONTACT NUMBER

REFERENCE EMAIL ADDRESS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

By submitting this application to UCLA Extension to be considered for a J. Michael Baer Scholarship, I certify that all information on this form and any attachment is true, complete and accurate, and that I am the author of the original statements included with this application. I understand and agree to the terms and conditions as set out in the Scholarship for Tuition Policy. Additionally, I give UCLA Extension permission to confirm my eligibility for the scholarship, share my application with the scholarship review committee, and utilize quotes from my personal statement in marketing materials.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____