

The J. Michael Baer Horticulture Scholarship

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 financial need and horticultural interest 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.

About J. Michael Baer

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

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 are not reviewed.
- UCLA and UCLA Extension employees and their family dependents are not eligible to apply.

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 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 January 7th and June 1st of every year. Scholarships may be renewed, once for a period of one year, provided that the applicant:
 - Earn 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 his/her academic progress.
 - Maintain enrollment status through the whole quarter.

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
- Eligibility criteria for all final candidates will be checked and confirmed by UCLA Extension.
- Applications will only be accepted per the dates listed below.
- Submit completed application and all required materials via ONE email to horticulture@uclaextension.edu. Multiple emails are not acceptable.
- 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.

Application Cycles and Deadlines

Application Cycle	Application Deadline	Notification of Winners	Earliest Quarter Eligible to Use Scholarship
December 6, 2019	January 6, 2020	3rd week of February	Spring Quarter
May 15, 2020	June 15, 2020	3rd week of July	Fall 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 at email mmcdonald@uclaextension.edu or by phone at (310) 825-9414.



J. Michael Baer Scholarship Application Form 2019

Student Information

Student UCLA Extension Identification Number

First Name

Last Name

Contact Number

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?

Provide two letters of reference, addressed to the J. Michael Baer Scholarship Committee, as part of the email submittal package, as well as the following information

References

Reference Name:

Contact Number:

Reference Email:

Relationship to you:

Please provide the name of a second reference:

Reference Name:

Contact Number:

Reference Email:

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:** _____