

February 2021

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 students currently pursuing a career in horticultural therapy. The award includes \$500 to be used towards academic or internship requirements, a complimentary one-year MAHTN membership and an assortment of MAHTN swag.

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:** 2day456@gmail.com(preferred)
 - **US mail to:** **MAHTN Scholarship Application, 12 Concord Drive Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567**
- Education, experience, career goals and letter of recommendation will be considered in choosing award recipient(s) See scoring rubric attached to packet for your information.
- In the event that MAHTN receives multiple applications from equally deserving candidates a request for current transcripts may be requested

A panel composed of experienced Horticultural Therapists will review applications and applicants will be informed of the results in the Spring. Scholarships will be presented at MAHTN’s Annual Membership Meeting held in the Fall. Recipients are encouraged to attend the meeting to be recognized for their accomplishment.

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

Thank you,

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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.

Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Therapy Network

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- 6. Describe your plan for pursuing horticultural therapy training, including professional goals and career aspirations. (Continue on the last page if you need additional space)*

CONTINUATION FORM

(Please use this space if you have additional information to tell us from either # 5 or # 6)

REQUEST 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 submit your letter as follows:

- **return letter to student to submit with their application**
- **email letter directly to MAHTN at: 2day456@gmail.com**
- **send by US mail to: MAHTN Scholarship Application, 12 Concord Drive Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567**

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

Sincerely,

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The Linda M. Ciccantelli Memorial Scholarship Application Rubric

- 0= Does not meet criteria
- 1= Minimally meets criteria
- 2= Partially meets criteria
- 3 = Meets criteria
- 4= Exceeds criteria
- 5 = Exemplary

**The rubric is included for information only.
Not to be completed by applicant)**

Criteria	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Comments
Previous Education (consider amount of directly & indirectly related coursework)								
Current Education (consider institution attending, credential being sought, # of hours completed)								
Experience with HT or Horticulture Programs								
Experience with Special Needs Populations								
Future Plans in HT (consider plans related to education, training and practice)								
Professional Goals and Aspirations								
Letter of Recommendation								
Grades (if requested for tie)								
TOTAL SCORE								

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