

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT
The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
2026 Benjamin C. Blackburn Scholarship

One or more scholarships totaling up to \$3,000.00 for
County College of Morris (CCM) students
Enrolled in the Landscape and Horticultural Technology Program

The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum (a partner of the Morris County Park Commission) awards scholarships annually. The scholarships were established to honor the memory of Dr. Benjamin C. Blackburn, a professor of Botany at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, and a well-known writer in his field. Professor Blackburn's expertise and professional support were a great help to the Arboretum and to the Friends during their fledgling years.

Scholarships are administered by the Board of Trustees of the Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum with payment of the scholarships made directly to County College of Morris to be applied toward student tuition. Scholarship recipients will not receive direct payment.

Eligibility requirements:

- New Jersey residency
- An academic average equivalent of 3.0 or higher
- Enrollment in the Landscape and Horticultural Technology Program at County College of Morris
- The ability to submit a brief article with a picture to our quarterly newsletter, thanking the Friends and describing your interests, horticultural accomplishments, and future goals to members of the Friends.

Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2026. The winners will be notified on May 15, 2026. To apply, please follow the directions on the Scholarship Application Form (below) and mail all material to:

The Benjamin C. Blackburn Scholarship Committee
Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
PO Box 2267
Morristown, NJ 07962-2267

**BENJAMIN C. BLACKBURN SCHOLARSHIP
2026 APPLICATION FORM**

Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2026

Please type or print clearly

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number (including Area Code) _____
Email Address _____

Please complete these questions on a separate paper: You may include up to five (5) photos in support of your application. Please, only 5 photos.

1. Write a brief essay, 250 word minimum, on your long-term career goals.
2. If you have had work experience related to your career goals, describe how it has been of value.
3. Explain in detail any community or volunteer activities in which you have been involved.
4. Is there any other information about yourself you would like the Committee to consider when evaluating your application such as a listing of related academic honors, and extracurricular activities?

IMPORTANT:

Submit a certified copy of all college transcripts and include with your application TWO letters of recommendation from college professors and ONE letter of recommendation from someone with whom you have worked in your community.