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| NR Training School of Horticulture The Old Shop Lowther Castle and Gardens Lowther, Penrith Cumbria CA10 2HH  Dear Scholarship Applicant,   * Do you grow plants at home or help out on an allotment? * Do you like working outdoors and have green fingers?   If so, a career in horticulture might just be what you need?  A horticulture career is an exciting path to follow with dozens of roles in this important sector. Our sector supports food security, the environment, wellbeing, landscapes and tourism and is a vital part of the UK economy. There is a massive green skills gap, with 70% of employers saying they can’t find skilled workers.  To get you started with a new career The Cumbria Gardens Trust Scholarship Programme includes:   * Year 1 funding to complete our Certificate in Horticulture worth £1300 (1 day/week for 26 weeks)   And if choose to continue   * Year 2 funding to complete our Diploma in Horticulture worth £1300 (1 day/week for 26 weeks)   There are two scholarship opportunities:   1. Anyone aged 18-25 who lives in or near Cumbria and is passionate about horticulture. 2. No age restriction, just a passion for horticulture and live in or near Cumbria.   Our horticultural courses are based at Lowther Castle and Gardens, which is home to an amazing range of gardens to learn in.  If you are interested in applying, please complete the [online application form](https://www.nrtraining.co.uk/find-a-course/p/certificate-in-horticulture) and email a personal statement to [support@nrtraining.co.uk](mailto:support@nrtraining.co.uk). You will be invited to an Open Information Session at Lowther Castle where you will meet our horticulture team who will discuss the scholarship with you.  We look forward to hearing from you soon!  **Personal Statement Form for Cumbria Gardens Trust Scholarship Programme**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Name |  | | Home address |  | | DOB |  | | Email |  | | Phone |  | | Personal Statement to be emailed separately.  In no more than 500 words please let us know about your interest in horticulture and why you feel you should be awarded this scholarship. | |   Please email this personal statement to [support@newtonriggtraining.co.uk](mailto:support@newtonriggtraining.co.uk).  We will only use your personal information as set out in our privacy policy: [available HERE](https://www.nrtraining.co.uk/privacy-policy).  We will only give your personal information to third parties where the law either requires or allows us to do so. |