

Merritt College Aesthetic Pruning Club

Margie Potts Aesthetic Pruning Scholarship

Margie Potts was an active member in the Merritt College Pruning Club for many years. She developed and shared a Bay Area Pruning Calendar as a tool to help pruners determine pruning schedules throughout the year. Proceeds from the sale of the pruning calendar and other contributions fund this scholarship. We express gratitude to Margie and her family for allowing us to honor Margie and support budding pruning professionals in this way.

The Margie Potts Aesthetic Pruning Scholarship is designed to cover tuition costs for each of the 15 Aesthetic Pruning series classes required to achieve the Aesthetic Pruning award (see list below.) Other resources* may be available to help students with academic class tuition and other educational costs.

This scholarship is awarded to a student who wishes to take the yearlong series of Aesthetic Pruning classes offered at Merritt College, and whose application demonstrates a stated need and an educational commitment to learning the craft.

⇒ **DEADLINE TO APPLY: December 1**

This award covers tuition for the following fee-based Aesthetic Pruning classes:

- LH 800 Introduction to Aesthetic Pruning
- LH 801 The Art of Pruning Deciduous Trees & Shrubs
- LH 803 Finding the Essence of a Tree
- LH 804 Pruning Flowering Trees & Shrubs
- LH 810 Pruning Maples
- LH 811A Pruning Pines
- LH 812 The Art of the Focal Point Tree
- LH 815 Pruning for the Big Picture
- LH 816 Pruning Container Trees & Shrubs
- LH 817 Pruning Japanese Gardens
- LH 818 Pruning Conifers
- LH 819 Tree and Shrub Reduction and Correction
- LH 823 Aesthetic Pruning As A Career
- LH 831 Pruning CA Native Trees & Shrubs
- LH 839A Introduction to Bonsai

The scholarship awardee will be announced at the Pruning Club's annual December meeting (via Zoom.)

Conditions of accepting the award include a commitment to complete the above-listed courses, with periodic mentorship check-ins.

** Tuition waivers for academic classes may be available for qualifying students through The California Promise Grant (formerly BOG waiver.) See merritt.edu/wp/financial-aid • Other scholarships: peraltafoundation.org*

Fee-based course info/registration (via PayPal): www.landhortnursery.org/fee-based-courses

For more info on classes, schedules, the scholarship, and volunteer opportunities:

Email Molly Sealund msealund@peralta.edu or Pete Churgell petethepruner@earthlink.net and/or visit www.merritt.edu/wp/lanht and www.thepruningclub.org

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Margie Potts Aesthetic Pruning Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing address _____

1. What are your horticultural goals?

2. What are your career goals?

3. What course work have you completed? Please list Aesthetic Pruning classes, Merritt College LANHT dept. classes (or courses from another institution validated as equivalent by LANHT dept.)

4. Why are you applying for this scholarship and what would it mean to you to receive it?

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12/1 • You may use an additional sheet if necessary.
Send completed application to: petethepruner@earthlink.net & michael.hemes@gmail.com