

NYBG Continuing Education

Graduation FAQ

Where and when is graduation?

We hold an annual Certificate Award Ceremony at NYBG on the first Sunday in June to celebrate the students who have completed the requirements for our certificate programs in Botanical Art and Illustration, Botany, Floral Design, Gardening, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Therapeutic Horticulture, and Urban Naturalist.

Who can participate?

Any student who will successfully complete all certificate requirements by June may participate in the Certificate Award Ceremony. Exceptions may be made for students who will complete final requirements during the summer.

How can I participate?

You must officially apply for graduation through this [form](#). Students must apply and be approved to graduate.

How do I know if I'm ready to graduate?

Check your [order history](#) and compare it to the [requirements for your intended discipline certificate](#).

If you have questions regarding certificate requirements, please email graduation@nybg.org with questions.

Why do I have to apply for graduation?

Students must apply for graduation so that Continuing Education staff can verify successful completion of courses and approve your eligibility.

What happens after I'm approved?

You will receive a confirmation email with the next steps to RSVP for the June ceremony and reception.

Can I bring guests to the ceremony?

Yes! Students can bring up to three guests to help celebrate and recognize your accomplishments.

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Am I required to attend the Certificate Award Ceremony?

Attendance is not mandatory, but encouraged as we look forward to celebrating your accomplishments! If you cannot attend, Continuing Education staff will mail your physical Certificate to you.