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Applications being accepted for the Garden Club of America's Urban Forestry Fellowship

Application Deadline: January 31, 2011

Through generous donations from the Garden Club of America (GCA) and Casey Trees in Washington, DC, Zone VI of The GCA has established a **national fellowship in urban forestry** for qualified U.S. students. The **GCA Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry** will be awarded in early 2011. With this fellowship, The Garden Club of America seeks to forward their goal of advancing our knowledge of urban forests and increasing the number of scientists in the field of urban forestry. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee at Virginia Tech composed of practicing urban forestry scientists and professionals in related fields. Final selection is endorsed by The Garden Club of America.

The fellowship is highly competitive and applicants must present clearly in their applications how they will advance the GCA's goal of advancing urban forestry knowledge and increasing the number of practicing urban forestry scientists.

Eligibility: The fellowship is open to both advanced undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in urban forestry, forestry, horticulture, environmental studies or a closely related field **at any 4-year college or university degree program in the United States**. Recipients must be students in the U.S. who will be enrolled as juniors or seniors or graduate students during the fellowship period (2011-2012). The award is for \$4,000 and recipients may apply for one additional year of funding.

Application Process: For more information, online application forms, and past recipients, visit www.urbanforestry.frec.vt.edu/scholarship or contact Dr. Day at gcaurbanforestry@vt.edu or 540-231-7264.

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The Garden Club of America, visit gcamerica.org

Casey Trees, visit caseytrees.org

The Department of Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation at Virginia Tech, visit www.frec.vt.edu

The Department of Horticulture at Virginia Tech, visit www.hort.vt.edu

The Garden Club of America strives to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications, and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement. Virginia Tech's Department of Forestry offers undergraduate and graduate programs in Urban Forestry.

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