



MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

MEMBER OF NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

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The National Garden Clubs (NGC) is pleased to announce the Scholarship Program for the 2011-2012 Academic Year. College juniors, seniors and graduate students pursuing a Master's Degree are encouraged to apply for one of 35 grants of \$3,500.00 each. (Doctoral candidates are not eligible.) The deadline for applications is March 1, 2011; sophomores may make application for their junior year.

One candidate will be selected from the state of Michigan to receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Michigan Garden Clubs. The winner will then be eligible to compete for one of the 35 National Garden Clubs' grants. Although competition is keen, Michigan has produced several winners. I am certain many of your students have an excellent chance of winning this scholarship.

NGC, Inc., is proud of its scholarship program, which offers financial aid to students and promotes study in the fields of Agronomy, Agriculture Education, Floriculture, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Botany, Biology, Forestry, Wildlife Science, Plant Pathology/Science, City (Rural & Urban) Planning, Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology, Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior), Environmental Conservation (inc. Engineering, etc.), and Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects. Applicants must be **majoring** in one of these fields of study and planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.

Let's keep one of the 35 scholarships in Michigan! Please share this information with all qualified students and encourage them to apply, and forward this information to relevant student organizations and to your faculty and administrative staff. Please encourage anyone to call me should they have any questions or concerns; I am available to help in any way possible. If you would like an electronic file of this information, please provide me with your email address and I will forward one to you.

If you have received this information in error, please communicate that to me so I may redirect it to the appropriate individual at your institution. Thank you for your assistance in this worthwhile scholarship competition.

Sincerely,

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National Garden Clubs SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012

DEADLINE: March 1, 2011

Details of the Award

- Approximately thirty-five (35) college scholarships are available annually, each in the amount of \$3,500.00. The number of scholarships and their amount for each academic year will be determined after October 15 and posted on the NGC website.
- One-year scholarships are available to juniors, seniors and graduate students pursuing a Master's Degree.
- Sophomores may make application for their junior year.
- College/university must be accredited and listed on the official website of the U.S. Department of Education <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident of the United States.
- International or Foreign Exchange Students are not eligible.
- Doctoral program students are not eligible.
- Must be attending school full-time as defined by NGC:
 - ◆ Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes.
 - ◆ Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 graded hours of classes.
- Study abroad on fellowships or internships are not eligible; funds may be applied to studies overseas provided that the study is a condition of the recipient's degree plan and that payment continues to be made to the accredited U.S. college or university.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture
- Must be **majoring** in one of the following fields of study:

■ Agronomy	■ Plant Pathology/Science
■ Agriculture Education	■ City (Rural & Urban) Planning
■ Floriculture	■ Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology
■ Horticulture	■ Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior)
■ Landscape Design	■ Environmental Conservation (inc. Engineering, etc.)
■ Botany, Biology	■ Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects
■ Forestry	
■ Wildlife Science	

Selection Criteria

- All applications received by a State Garden Club Chairman will be judged by that Chairman and committee in order to choose **one** winning application.
- After judging has been completed at the state level, the NGC Scholarship Chairman will receive the applications by April 1 for judging.
- The NGC Scholarship Committee will consider only one application per state. (Exception: Any State Garden Club with a membership of over 10,000 may submit two applications.)
- The following Scale of Points will be used for the evaluation of each application:

Academic Record	40%
Applicant's Letter	30%
Listing of Honors/Extra-curricular Activities/Work Experience	10%
Financial Need	15%
Recommendations	5%

- Applications are evaluated and winners chosen by the National Garden Clubs Scholarship Committee, which consists of the NGC Scholarship Chairman and the eight Regional Directors of NGC.
- Final judging takes place just prior to the annual NGC Convention.

- Winners are announced during the NGC Convention. The NGC Scholarship Chairman will notify all applicants in writing of the committee's decisions immediately following the judging.

Description of Funds

- Checks for the winning applicant's scholarship will be mailed in late July from NGC Headquarters to the Financial Aid Office of the institution at which the student is enrolled. No funds will be sent directly to the student.
- All funds will be distributed by the Financial Aid Office according to the particular school's term-system, unless the student has only one term remaining before the completion of the degree.
- In the event of a change in a student's major to one other than those listed above, or if the student withdraws from school; the balance of the funds must be returned to National Garden Clubs.
- The student and Financial Aid Officer will determine how the money is to be spent: tuition, food, housing, books, etc.

Application Procedure

- The following documents must be submitted:
 1. NGC Scholarship Application Form
 2. Financial Aid Form
 3. Complete official academic transcripts
 4. Letter from applicant
 5. List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received within the last three years
 6. Three letters of recommendation
- All of the documents must be mailed by the applicant **in one large envelope**. Do not place the documents in page protectors, in any sort of permanent binder, or staple the pages.
- Applications must be mailed to the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman for the **state in which the applicant is a legal resident**, even if the student is attending an out-of-state school. A list of State Garden Club Chairmen is at the end of the application. **DEADLINE: Received by March 1.**
- ~~No applications should be sent to the NGC Scholarship Chairman.~~
- When a student reapplies for a scholarship (whether the applicant is or is not a previous winner), a complete new and updated application must be submitted.

Instructions for Filling out Application

- All forms must be typed or computer generated.

Application Form		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGC Application Form must be used • All fields completed
Financial Aid Form		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be complete with all questions answered • Signed by student and Financial Aid Officer • If Financial Aid information is not available before the application deadline, information from the previous academic year may be used with the notation that it is an estimate based on the previous year.
Transcripts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official academic transcripts • Transcripts must include the latest grading period. • Graduate students must include undergraduate transcripts
Letter	Limit - 2 pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss background, future goals, financial need, future career goals
List of Activities	Limit – 2 pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List to include only items for the last 3 years • Students returning to school after an absence can list work experience and activities
Letters of Recommendation	Limit – 3 letters Limit – 1 page each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss scholastic ability, personal character, work-related experience

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National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)
GUIDELINES FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
ADMINISTERING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Scholarship funds are to be sent to the Financial Aid Office of the college or university the student is attending. Checks will not be sent directly to students from NGC. Funds will be disbursed according to the particular school's term-system, unless the student has only one term remaining before the completion of the degree.
2. Funds may be disbursed only to students who are attending school full-time as defined by NGC:
 - Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes.
 - Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 graded hours of classes.No doctoral program students are eligible.
3. Funds may be applied to studies overseas provided that the study is a condition of the recipient's degree plan and that payment continues to be made to the accredited U.S. college or university.
4. The student and Financial Aid Officer will determine how the money is to be spent: tuition, food, housing, books, etc.
5. After the scholarship funds have been submitted to the college or university of the student's choice, it cannot be transferred to another college or university.
6. All applicants must major in:
 - Agriculture Education
 - Floriculture
 - Landscape Design
 - Botany, Biology
 - Plant Pathology/Science
 - Forestry
 - Agronomy
 - Wildlife Science
 - City (Rural & Urban) Planning
 - Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology
 - Horticulture
 - Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior)
 - Environmental Conservation (inc. Engineering, Law, etc.)
 - Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects
7. In the event of a change in the student's major to one other than those listed above, or if the student withdraws from school, the balance of scholarship funds must be returned to:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
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**The Scholarship Application of National Garden Clubs is available
on the website, www.gardenclub.org/Youth/Scholarships.aspx**

**National Garden Clubs
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Full Name _____

Date of Birth (Month/Year) _____ Female _____ Male _____ Marital Status _____

Home (Legal) Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Cell phone _____

College/University _____

Department Enrolled _____

Major _____ Minor _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL AT TIME OF APPLICATION :

Sophomore _____ Fifth Year Landscape Architect _____

Junior _____ Graduate Student _____

Senior _____

CURRENT CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____

College(s) Previously Attended _____

Dates _____ Previous GPA _____

When do you expect to graduate? _____ Degree _____

Occupational Objective After Graduation _____

Name of Financial Officer _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH THE OTHER REQUIRED ITEMS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN OF YOUR STATE:

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DEADLINE: Must be received by MARCH 1

**National Garden Clubs
FINANCIAL AID FORM**

ANTICIPATED SOURCES OF FUNDS: Please use the following form to show all (including scholarships other than anticipated one from NGC), assistantships, educational insurance policies, etc., as well as all projected costs involved for attending college in the 2011-2012 school year. It is not required that projected resources and expenditures balance.

NOTE: If FAFSA information is not available before the application deadline, information from the previous academic year may be used with the notation that it is an estimate based on the previous year.

- This form must be completed and SIGNED by both the Financial Aid Officer and by the student making the application.
- **ALL** questions on the form must be answered since actual financial need is one of the determining factors in the awarding of scholarships.
- The student and Financial Aid Officer will determine how the money is to be spent: tuition, food, housing, books, etc.
- The student must mail this form, along with other required application materials, to the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman of the state in which he/she is a legal resident. **Please do not mail directly to the National Garden Clubs Scholarship Chairman.**

ANTICIPATED RESOURCES

_____ From parent or relative
_____ From personal savings
_____ Educational Insurance Policies
_____ School-year earnings
_____ Grants/Scholarships
_____ Loans
_____ Other:

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

_____ Tuition and Fees
_____ Housing
_____ Board
_____ Books/Supplies
_____ Clothing/Laundry
_____ Transportation
_____ Other:

_____ Total Funds Available

_____ Total Expenses

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER:

Is this student eligible for receiving financial aid at your institution?

Grants/Scholarships: Yes _____ No _____

Student Loans: Yes _____ No _____

Has this student applied for financial aid at your institution? Yes _____ No _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER'S SIGNATURE _____

PRINTED NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

DATE _____

This information will be held in strictest confidence. It will be made available only to appropriate officials of the college/university and to the members of NGC Scholarship Committee.

THIS WILL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY FINANCIAL NEED FORM to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____