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Dear Midwest State Urban Forestry Coordinators and University/College Instructors,

Please see the announcement below regarding Urban Forestry Fellowships.

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Garden Club of America Requests Applications for Urban Forestry Fellowships

Zone VI of the Garden Club of America (GCA) is pleased to announce the call for applications for its 2012 Urban Forestry Fellowships. The GCA 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.

In 2012, multiple fellowships in the amount of \$4,000 each will be awarded to graduate or advanced undergraduate students studying urban forestry, environmental studies, horticulture, forestry, and related courses of study with a special interest in the urban forest. With these fellowships, the GCA seeks to fulfill their goal of advancing our knowledge of urban forests and increasing the number of scientists in the field of urban forestry. GCA has a history of interest in the health of the urban forest and would like to support young scientists in their undergraduate and graduate studies in this field. The study areas of interest are far reaching, including urban forest management and planning as well as tree biology issues that will move urban forest science forward.

Details on fellowship eligibility and the application process are available at <http://urbanforestry.frec.vt.edu/scholarship/index.htm>. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee at Virginia Tech composed of urban forestry educators, scientists, and professionals. The committee identifies meritorious applicants and nominates them for the fellowships, which are then awarded by the GCA. The application deadline is January 31, 2012. If you have any questions concerning the scholarship application or eligibility requirements, please contact gcaurbanforestry@vt.edu.