

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) provides scholarships to deserving Georgia college students majoring in any garden related subject in an accredited college or university in Georgia. Work scholarships are awarded to students for a designated number of hours worked at a public botanical garden.

Funding for the scholarships is derived from many sources including the sale of "Expressions" publication, "Dollars Support Scholars" and GCG Life Memberships, Patron of Scholarship and Named Scholarship donations, as well as donations by garden clubs and individuals.

The Garden Club of Georgia awarded \$70,000 in scholarships to 21 students for 2022-23. An additional \$8,000 was awarded by National Garden Clubs, Inc. to Georgia students over the last two years.



Basic GCG Scholarship Rules

Applicants must be full-time students majoring in Agriculture Education, Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Biology, Plant Pathology, Plant Sciences, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Conservation or Concerns, Urban and Rural Planning, Wildlife Sciences, Forest Systems, Ecology, Land Management, and/or other garden related or allied subjects. Career goals must demonstrate objectives that are garden related. The **Cherokee Rose Scholarship** is awarded to a qualified graduate student majoring in Decorative Arts, Environmental Planning and Design, Historic Architecture, Historic Preservation, or Landscape Architecture. Applicants must be a resident of Georgia for the past four years and enrolled in an accredited college or university in Georgia.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Garden Club (NGC) offers a scholarship program and awards 32 advanced scholarships each year in the amount of \$4000. GCG, a federated member of NGC, is eligible to submit two nominees to compete on the national level. The applicants must be college juniors, seniors, or graduate students. The basic rules are very similar to GCG, except the student may attend any accredited college or university in the United States as long as he or she is a Georgia resident. The deadline for applications to be returned to GCG is **February 1**. NGC announces the winners in late May or early June.



The Application Packets

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. - Application packets, detailed information, and rules are available at gardenclub.uga.edu/scholarships, or you may contact the GCG State Headquarters located at 2450 South Milledge Avenue, Athens GA 30602, (706)227-5369, gcca@uga.edu. Completed applications must be sent to GCG State Headquarters and received no later than **February 1**.

National Garden Clubs - Applications available at gardenclub.uga.edu/ngcscholarships, or you may contact the GCG State Headquarters located at 2450 South Milledge Avenue, Athens GA 30602, (706)227-5369, gcca@uga.edu. Additional information and rules are available at gardenclub.org. Completed applications must be sent to the GCG State Headquarters and received no later than **February 1**.

Qualified students may apply for **both** GCG and NGC scholarships.

DEEP SOUTH REGION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Deep South Region offers a \$3,000 scholarship to Georgia students. The application packet and details are available at gardenclub.uga.edu/ngcscholarships. Rules and additional information may be found at dsregion.org. Qualified students in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee may apply. These scholarships are available to rising juniors, seniors, and graduate students majoring in any garden related or environmental related subject and enrolled in an accredited college or university. Completed applications must be sent directly to the GCG Scholarship Chairman, Susan Turner, 3380 Glenree NW, Conyers GA 30012, (770)922-4411, glencree@bellsouth.net, by **February 1**.

GCG Scholarship Committee

The scholarship applications are carefully reviewed by the GCG Scholarship Committee. Judging is based upon need, scholastic record, character, initiative, and general attitude. Career goals must demonstrate objectives that are garden related. Winners are announced in late February.



Scholarships Offered

Hubert Bond Owens Scholarship \$5,000
Founders Memorial Scholarship \$3,500
Brown Thrasher Scholarship-varies
Cherokee Rose Scholarship-varies
GCG Scholarship-varies
Work Scholarships-varies
Deep South Region \$3,000
*National Garden Club \$4,000

Named Scholarships established annually

***Two candidates are selected to compete nationally for NGC Scholarships**