



## *The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

### APPLICATION FOR THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

**Please type**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the address you prefer us to use for notifications and required information.**

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Citizen and Georgia Resident for the past four years and paying in-state tuition?** \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Name of College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Present Status: Freshman \_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_ Grad Student \_\_\_\_

Major Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

How many semester hours will you take? \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Occupational objective after graduation \_\_\_\_\_

List Scholarships, prizes, and awards received (include dates and amounts):

How do you plan to addition finance your college education?

Work \_\_\_\_ Borrow \_\_\_\_ Family Aid \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist of items to include with application:**

Official Transcript (COPIES NOT ACCEPTED) \_\_\_\_ Financial Aid Forms \_\_\_\_ Extracurricular Activities List \_\_\_\_

Names of 2 References \_\_\_\_ Personal Statement \_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DUE: FEBRUARY 1. THERE IS A MAIL SLOT FOR AFTER HOURS  
AND WEEKENDS AT THE RIGHT-SIDE DOOR, FRONT OF THE BUILDING.**

**POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED IF RECEIVED AFTER DUE DATE**

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## *The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

### **SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.**

**PURPOSE:** To provide financial aid to qualified Georgia college students majoring in any garden related subject in an accredited college or university in Georgia. College/university must be listed on the official website of the U.S. Department of Education [www.ed.gov/accreditation](http://www.ed.gov/accreditation)

**FUNDS:** Proceeds derived from fundraising, invested interest income, and other donations as available annually continue to provide funding for scholarship grants. On average, GCG has awarded more than \$50,000 annually in scholarship grants since the 2007-2008 terms.

**GRANTS:** The scholarship is an annual grant for the full school year and is dispersed to the designated schools by July 15. Funds are dispersed by the school to scholarship recipients with one-half paid per semester beginning in the fall. Students are eligible to reapply for a scholarship grant as long as the student remains in good academic standing and the need is still apparent.

In the event of a change in major to other than garden related, if the student drops out of school, or moves out of the state, the balance of the funds must be returned to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

\$5,000 - Hubert B. Owens Scholarship

TBA - Brown Thrasher Scholarship

\$3,500 - Founders Memorial Scholarship

TBA - Cherokee Rose Scholarship

TBA - The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Scholarships

TBA - Various Named Scholarships

**JUDGING:** The selection of scholarship winners is made by the Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and is based on the following criteria:

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| <b>Academic Record (40%)</b>   | Transcript of grades required. An original hard copy is necessary. Emphasis placed on the strength of courses related to students' major in horticulture or allied field.   |
| <b>Applicant's Letter (25%)</b>  | Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment to chosen career, and financial need should be included. Please limit to two (2) typewritten pages. Print one-sided, only.   |
| <b>Financial Need (15%)</b>  | UGA students use <a href="http://athena.uga.edu">athena.uga.edu</a> to view and print your financial aid and award information in addition to completing the Financial Aid form. Other schools may have a similar portal to obtain financial aid information. Your OSFA advisor will accept the GCG form if you have submitted a Scholarship Consent to Release Information to OSFA. <b><u>This form must be completed and submitted with your application.</u></b>   |
| <b>Extra-Curricular Activities List of Honors, and Work Experience (13%)</b> | This information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper and not listed within the body of the applicant's personal statement. Three years is sufficient.   |
| <b>Recommendations (5%)</b>  | Two (2) letters of recommendation, each limited to one (1) typewritten page are required. Please date letters prior to February 1. <b><u>References must use "Dear Scholarship Committee" or "To Whom It May Concern" in the salutation rather than to The Garden Club of Georgia.</u></b> A more generic letter and NOT referencing The Garden Club of Georgia anywhere in the letter will allow the student's application, if selected, prompt submission to The National Garden Clubs, Inc. for scholarship consideration. |
| <b>Conformance (2%)</b>  | Points deducted from the application if instructions are not followed or arrives late.  |



## ***The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.***

### **GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTERING THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS**

#### ***Scholarship Policy of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.***

1. All profits derived from fundraising efforts continue to provide academic scholarships to qualified Georgia college students majoring in any garden related subject in an accredited college or university in Georgia. College/university must be listed on the official website of the U.S. Department of Education [www.ed.gov/accreditation](http://www.ed.gov/accreditation)

Judging of recipients for the scholarships is based on academic record, applicant's letter, financial need, honors, extra-curricular activities, work experience, and recommendations. The Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. makes the selection of scholarship winners.

2. Applicants must be majoring in Agriculture Education, Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Biology, Plant Pathology, Plant Sciences, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, Environmental Conservation, Urban and Rural Planning, Wildlife Science Habitat, Forest Systems, Ecology, Land Management, and/or other garden related or allied subjects. See separate guidelines and application forms for the Cherokee Rose Scholarship.
3. The monies to cover the scholarship grants are sent to the Bursar's Office of the University of Georgia, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College or other designated school's Financial Aid Office for disbursement no later than July 15. The academic scholarship is an annual grant for the full school year. Funds should be dispersed as follows: One-half of the amounts are paid per semester.
4. In the event of a change to a non-garden related major, or if the student drops out of school or moves out of the state, the balance of the funds must be returned to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., 2450 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30605-1674, 706-227-5369
5. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen residing in the state of Georgia for the past four years paying in-state tuition and must be enrolled at an accredited college or university. Documentation of acceptance or enrollment at an accredited college must be provided.
6. Applications received after February 1<sup>st</sup> will have points deducted.
7. Equal Opportunity shall be provided to all applicants, within the guidelines as stated in the application criteria.



**APPLICANTS:** Scholarships are available to students who are U.S. citizens and who have been residents of Georgia for the past four years and are paying in-state tuition.

Recipients must be full-time students majoring in Agriculture Education, Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Biology, Plant Pathology, Plant Sciences, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, Environmental Conservation, Urban and Rural Planning, Wildlife Science Habitat, Forest Systems, Ecology, Land Management, and/or other garden related or allied subjects at an accredited college or university in Georgia.

An exception is the *Cherokee Rose Scholarship*, which is available only to full-time graduate students, U. S. Citizens, residents of Georgia for the past four years, majoring in programs of Decorative Arts, Environmental Planning and Design, Historic Architecture, Historic Preservation, or Landscape Architecture at an accredited college or university in Georgia. Cherokee Rose Scholarship applications are located on the GCG website [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org)

The direct link is [Membership - Scholarships - The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.](#)

**APPLICATIONS: Only typed Scholarship Applications considered.**

**Please do not staple.**

**Include the following:**

1. **Official transcript** of academic record, which includes the latest grading period and minimum overall averages.
2. Financial Aid and Award documents from [athena.uga.edu](http://athena.uga.edu) (UGA students) or similar portals from other schools. You **must** complete the GCG financial aid form below and have your OSFA advisor sign it. You will need to complete and submit to the OSFA a Scholarship Consent to Release Information.
3. Names of two (2) references as indicated on the form. Supporting **one-page letters** may be sent directly to the Scholarship Committee at the below address. See **Recommendations under Judging on page 2 for additional requirements.**
4. Extracurricular Activities List as indicated on the form.
5. Applicant's written statement discussing goals, background, and reasons for scholarship application.
6. Applications must be received typed and printed single-sided only.

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1.** Completed applications must be sent to the Scholarship Committee on or before the deadline. **Applications received after February 1st. will have points deducted.** Send all requested application materials to:

**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
2450 South Milledge Avenue  
Athens, GA 30605-1674**

Applications may be delivered before or by due date to GCG Headquarters.

Hard copies of reference letters and transcripts may arrive separately by Feb 1.

Contact Susan Turner, Scholarship Chairman at [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net) with questions.



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### SOURCE OF REFERENCES:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of two (2) references. References from family members are not accepted.  
**See Recommendations under Judging for additional requirements.**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Letters must be received on or before **DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1.**

Send to:

**Scholarship Committee  
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
2450 South Milledge Avenue  
Athens, GA 30602-5817**

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Student's Signature



## FINANCIAL AID FORM

This form must be completed by the Financial Aid Officer of the College or university involved and by the student and must be signed by both of those individuals.

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 The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) Scholarship Committee. Since actual financial need is one of the determining factors in the awarding of scholarships, it is necessary that *all* of the requested information be supplied.

Use the following form to show all anticipated sources of funds, including scholarships other than anticipated one from GCG, assistantships, educational insurance policies, etc., as well as all projected costs involved for attending college in the school year. It is not a requirement that projected resources and expenditures must balance.

### RESOURCES

\_\_\_\_ From parent or relative  
\_\_\_\_ From personal savings  
\_\_\_\_ Educational insurance policies  
\_\_\_\_ School-year earnings  
\_\_\_\_ Grants/scholarships-not GCG  
\_\_\_\_ Loans  
\_\_\_\_ Other:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Funds Available**

### EXPENDITURES

\_\_\_\_ Tuition and fees  
\_\_\_\_ Housing Board  
\_\_\_\_ Books/supplies  
\_\_\_\_ Clothing/laundry  
\_\_\_\_ Transportation  
\_\_\_\_ Other:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Expenses**

**THIS WILL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY FINANCIAL NEED FORM** to Scholarship Committee, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., 2450 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30602-5817

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL AID OFFICER:

Is this student eligible to receive 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 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_