



Valparaiso Garden Club

Member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and the
Deep South Region of Garden Clubs

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in a Valparaiso Garden Club scholarship. Please note that in order to be eligible for an award, you must be a USA citizen, a Florida resident, and be enrolled or plan to enroll full-time in a Florida vocational/technical school or college with plans to major in horticulture, floriculture, landscape architecture or design, conservation, forestry, botany, agronomy, plant pathology, environmental control, city planning, land management and/or related fields.

Your completed application must be received by this chairman by May 1, 2012. Provide only what is requested. Selection is based on: 1) academic record (must have 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale); 2) financial need; 3) commitment to career; and 4) character. Every effort will be made to notify each applicant of the scholarship selection by June 30.

Application must include:

- _____ 1. Completed application form, including your mailing address and address of college/school office of financial affairs (check will be sent to school/college address)
- _____ 2. Completed "Statement of Financial Need" form.
- _____ 3. Transcript of high school/college subject and grades. If final grades are not available for the spring semester, include a statement from the school/college that the same high level of work is being maintained.
- _____ 4. A personal letter from you discussing background, goals, commitment to career, and financial need.
- _____ 5. A letter of recommendation from an instructor/professor in your school/college.
- _____ 6. A letter of recommendation from an individual who knows you well (preferably a community or religious leader).

Important: A complete application contains all of the items listed above. Letters of recommendation may be sent directly to this chairman by the writer. An incomplete application will not be considered.

Once an applicant is determined eligible for the scholarship, an interview with a representative of the Valparaiso Garden Club will be scheduled. This representative can be the Scholarship Chairman or the Valparaiso Garden Club President.

Completed application must be received no later than May 1. Send to:

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Valparaiso Garden Club
MEMBER FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
College Scholarship Application 2012

A scholarship of \$500 to attend a Florida college /university /vocational school is offered to a high school senior or college student who is a Florida resident and USA citizen. Student must plan to major in ecology, horticulture, landscape design or architecture, conservation, botany, forestry, marine biology, city planning, public sanitation landscape management or related subjects. Applicant must have a "B" average (3.0) or better and must be enrolling as a full time student.

Completed application is due by May 1, 2012.

Name in Full _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Female _____ Male _____ Fl. Driver's License # _____

E-mail _____ Grade or Class in School for Coming Year _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Are you a Florida Resident ? _____ Years Resided in Florida _____ FL Voting Registry # _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Parent or Guardian Employment _____

Date of High School Graduation _____ Grade Point Average _____

Extra-curricular activities _____

Name of High School /College _____

Guidance Counselor /Advisor _____

Intended Major _____ Intended Minor _____

How do you plan to finance your college education?

Work _____ Loans _____ Family support _____ Other _____

College plans _____

Occupational objectives after college graduation _____

Date of Application _____

Interviewed by _____ (Garden Club Representative)

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Statement of Financial Need

Name of Applicant _____

Tell in a short paragraph why you need this scholarship.

Name and contact information of Financial Aid Officer of the school that you will attend:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

If the scholarship is awarded, the money will be sent directly to the financial aid officer listed above.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____