

TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION POLICIES—2025-2027

1. These scholarships are available for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students. No doctoral candidates may apply. Sophomores may make an application for the junior year.
2. The applicant must be a resident of Tennessee and attend a Tennessee school.
3. TFGC is proud of its scholarship program, which offers financial aid to students and promotes study in:
 - Agribusiness (Dairy Farming, Animal Science, Food Production, etc.)
 - Agriculture Education
 - Agronomy
 - Biology, Botany
 - City (Rural and Urban) Planning
 - Economics
 - Environmental Concerns (Environmental Sustainability, Horticultural Resources, Environmental Behavior)
 - Environmental Conservation (Engineering, etc.)
 - Floriculture
 - Forestry
 - Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology
 - Horticulture
 - Horticulture (Fruit Science and Environmental Communications)
 - Land Management and/or related subjects
 - Landscape Design
 - Plant Pathology, Development
 - Science Resources
 - Wildlife Science

NOTE: Applicants must be **majoring** in one of the fields of study. The TFGC Scholarship Committee must grant approval for applications to be made in any major other than the ones listed.

4. The applicant must be a full-time, currently enrolled student at the school through which the application is being made.
5. Applications must be mailed to the TFGC Scholarship Chair as a **complete package prior to December 1**. No application received after that date will be considered.
6. The TFGC Scholarship Chair will submit applicants or the number of scholarships to be awarded to the TFGC Board for approval at the Winter Board Meeting.
7. The TFGC Scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,500 each, limited to a total of \$4,500 in any fiscal year, if funds are available.
8. All applicants must have at least a “B” average to apply (3.0 on a 4.0-point scale).
9. A complete official academic transcript.

The following Scale of Points will be used for the evaluation of each application:

ACADEMIC RECORD: A complete official transcript of grades is required (40% of total). Emphasis is placed on the strength of courses related to the student's major in required field.

APPLICANT'S LETTER: Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment (25% of total) to chosen career and financial need. (Limited to one typed page, single spaced.)

A list of this information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper. Each page (3 in total) should be titled "EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HONORS RECEIVED, AND WORK EXPERIENCE" (10% of total).

FINANCIAL NEED: Signatures of Financial Aid Officer and student are required on fully completed *Financial Aid Form* (25% of total).

RECOMMENDATIONS: Two letters of recommendation (example: department heads, professors, or employers).

Funds are available for a District III Brainerd Scholarship. The recipient is decided upon by District III for an applicant from HAMILTON COUNTY, TN. (Funds for this scholarship were donated by Brainerd Garden Club of District III.) Deep South Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs also have scholarships. Their applications are on their respective websites ([Deep South](#) and [NGC](#)) and must be received by the TFGC Chair by the state deadline, **December 1**. Qualified applicants may apply for all.

NOTE: Should you have trouble with a website, please notify me. Applicants for TFGC, DSGC, and NGC must be Tennessee residents and attending schools in Tennessee.

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