

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION POLICIES, 2021-2022

1. These scholarships are available for college juniors, seniors and graduate students. No Doctoral candidates may apply. Sophomores may make application for the junior year.
2. Applicant must be a resident of Tennessee and attending a Tennessee school.
3. TFGC is proud of its scholarship program which offers financial aid to students and promotes study in Agriculture Education, Horticulture (inc. Fruit Science/ Environmental/Communications), Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology/Science, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior, etc.), Economics, Environmental Conservation (inc. Engineering, Law, etc.), City (Rural And Urban) Planning, Wildlife Science, Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology, Land Management and/or related or allied subjects. Applicants must be **majoring** in one of these fields of study. The TFGC Scholarship Committee must grant approval for application to be made in any major other than the ones listed.
4. 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 Chairman as a **complete package prior to February 15**. No application received after that date will be considered.
6. The TFGC Scholarship Chairman will submit applicants or 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 in order to apply. (3.0 on a 4.0 point scale).
9. A complete official academic transcript, which included the latest grading period must be furnished.

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

- ACADEMIC RECORD:
(40% of total) Complete official transcript of grades is required. Emphasis is placed on the strength of courses related to student's major in required field.
- APPLICANT'S LETTER:
(25% of total) Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment to chosen career, financial need. (Limited to one typed or computer generated page, singled spaced)
- A LIST OF
EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES AND/OR
HONORS RECEIVED
&WORK EXPERIENCE:
(10% of total) This information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper and not be listed within the body of the applicant's letter.
- FINANCIAL NEED:
(20% of total) Signature of Financial Aid Officer and Student are required on fully completed Financial Aid Form.
- RECOMMENDATIONS:
(5% of total) Three letters of recommendation, two from department head and/or professor(s) are desirable.

The TFGC Scholarship recipients will have a photo and short biography submitted to the Scholarship Chairman for publication in *The Volunteer Gardener*.

Funds are available for a District III Brainerd Scholarship. The recipient is decided upon by District III for an applicant from HAMILTON COUNTY, TN. (The 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, dsregion.org and gardenclub.org and must be received by the TFGC Chairman by state deadline, February 15. Qualified applicants may apply for all. Should you have trouble with a website, please notify me. Applicants for TN, DSGC, and NGC must be Tennessee Residents but may be attending schools outside of Tennessee. TFGC Chairman: Valerie Tipps, 902 West Brow Road, Lookout Mountain, TN 37350-1022, Email for inquiries: tippstfgc@gmail.com