

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (AFGC)

AFGC Sponsored Scholarship



APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1 annually

Scholarship award will apply to the following Academic Year.

Details of the Award

- This scholarship is perpetually recurring on an annual basis.
- The AFGC Scholarship Committee has sole discretion on the number and amount of scholarships to be awarded annually. Up to 2 AFGC Scholarships are available with the award amount based on the strength and number of qualified candidates.
- College/university must be accredited and listed on the official website of the U.S. Department of Education <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>.
- College/university must be located in the State of Arizona USA.
- Equal Opportunity shall be provided to all applicants.
- One-year scholarships are available to juniors, seniors and graduate students.
- Sophomores may apply for their junior year.
- Previous applicants may re-apply (whether awarded or not) in consecutive years.

Applicant Eligibility

Applications under the following conditions are NOT eligible:

- International or Foreign Exchange Students.
- Doctoral program students.
- Study abroad on fellowships or internships.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident of the United States of America.
- Must be attending school full-time as defined here:
 - Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes.
 - Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 graded hours of classes.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.

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Applicants must be majoring in one of the following fields of study:

Agronomy, Agriculture Education, Floriculture, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Botany, Biology, Forestry, Wildlife Science, Plant Pathology/Science, City Planning ((Rural & Urban), Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology, Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture, Resource/Environmental Behavior), Environmental Conservation (inc. Engineering, Law etc.), Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects.

Selection Criteria

All applications received by February 1 will be judged by a committee in order to choose winning application(s). The following sample Scale of Points may be used for the evaluation of each application:

Academic Record 40%
Applicant's Letter 25%
Listing of Honors/Extracurricular Activities/Work Experience 13%
Financial Need 15%
Recommendations 5%
Conformance 2%

Applications are evaluated and winners chosen by the AFGC Scholarship Committee, which consists of the AFGC Scholarship Chairman, AFGC State President and up to 3 additional AFGC members appointed by the AFGC President. Final judging takes place prior to the AFGC Annual Meeting in April. The AFGC Scholarship Chairman will notify all applicants in writing of the committee's decision. The Scholarship Award winners are announced during AFGC Annual Meeting in April and the winners are invited to attend the meeting for recognition.

Description of Funds

- Awarded funds will be mailed in late July from AFGC Treasurer to the Financial Aid Office of the institution at which the student is enrolled. No funds will be sent directly to the student.
- The student and Financial Aid Officer will determine how the money is to be spent: tuition, food, housing, books, etc.
- In the event of a change in a student's major to one other than those listed above, or if the student withdraws from school; the balance of the funds must be returned to Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Application Procedure

The following documents must be submitted before the deadline date.

1. AFGC Scholarship Application form, must be signed by student
2. AFGC Financial Aid Form, must be signed by student
3. Complete academic transcripts, must include latest grading period.
4. Letter from applicant, one page
5. List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions
 - Limit to one page
 - List to include only items for the last 3 years
 - Students returning to school after an absence can list work experience and activities
6. Two letters of recommendation, one page per letter
 - Discuss background, financial need, future career goals
 - Discuss scholastic ability, personal character, work-related experience

Instructions for completing the application package:

- All fields on applications must be completed.
- All forms to be typed or computer generated.
- Graduate students must include undergraduate transcripts.
- Previous applicants must submit new and updated application package.

Submit the Completed and Signed Application Package

All of the documents are to be submitted by email.

AFGC Scholarship Chairman

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** Note that printed and mailed applications are no longer accepted.*