

Folsom Garden Club

2018-2019 Scholarship Program

(to be awarded May 2018)

The Folsom Garden Club is offering scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year at the following levels:

College, University or Junior College	Full-Time 12-15 Units	\$1,000 - \$2,000 Scholarship
	Part-Time 6-11 Units	\$500 - \$750 Scholarships

Application: Application forms are available on the Folsom Garden Club website, www.folsomgarden.org, or from the FGC Scholarship Chairman.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a California resident **and** one of the following:
 - a. A resident (permanent home address) of Placer, Sacramento, El Dorado or Yolo County.
 - b. A temporary resident in Placer, Sacramento, El Dorado or Yolo Counties attending a college or university within these counties.
2. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in order to apply
3. Applicant must be a college student entering the sophomore, junior, or senior year at an accredited college or university. Freshmen may make application for the sophomore year.
4. Applicants must be majoring in: Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Forestry, Agronomy, Conservation, Plant Pathology, Environmental Concerns and/or other related subjects.

Application Package: All requested material must be typed or computer generated except for the Application Form which can be typed, computer generated or printed legibly with black ink. Scale of points in parentheses(). Please do not staple pages together.

- 1) **Application Form** - Application form must be complete and signed.
- 2) **Academic Record (40%)** - Official transcript of all grades completed is required. Emphasis is placed on the strength of courses related to student's major in horticulture or related field.
- 3) **Applicant's Letter (30%)** - Discuss goals, background, personal commitment to career choice and financial need (10%) . Limited to two typed or computer generated pages.
- 4) **List of Honors/Extra-Curricular Activities/Work Experience (15%)** - This information should be typed or computer generated on a separate page and not included in the body of applicant's letter.
- 5) **Recommendations (5%)** - Two letters of recommendation are required that discuss scholastic ability, personal character and work related experiences of applicant. References from family members cannot be accepted. Each letter is limited to one typed or computer generated page. Letters must be sent by author direct to Folsom Garden Club by the application deadline.
- 6) **Photo of Applicant** – Submit good quality, head shot, color photo (with name on back) for publicity only.

Renewal: Scholarships are renewable on a yearly basis provided the student reapplies, remains in a Horticulture related field of study, is in good standing with his or her college or university, and continues to meet the Folsom Garden Club's Scholarship criteria.

Disbursement of Scholarship: Successful applicants will be notified on or about May 15, 2018. Scholarship winners will be invited as guests to the June 7, 2018, luncheon meeting of the Folsom Garden Club and will receive a certificate. Scholarship checks will be sent to the registrar of the college or university where the students are enrolled to be deposited in the student's account. Funds are to be disbursed to scholarship recipients after successful completion of 30 days of enrollment beginning in the fall 2018 semester. Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, or other school related expenses. If the scholarship winner changes to a major outside the above group, or withdraws from school for any reason, the balance of the scholarship grant funds must be returned to the Folsom Garden Club Treasurer.

Deadline: The complete Application Package including Application Form, Official Transcripts, Applicant's Letter, List of Activities, and photo must be sent in one packet to the Folsom Garden Club's Scholarship Chairman **postmarked no later than April 13, 2018. Letters of recommendation must be sent direct from the author to:**

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