

National Garden Clubs Scholarship Program

State Garden Club Scholarship Chairmen

GUIDELINES

Applications

- Since the NGC Scholarship Application is available for downloading from the National Garden Clubs' website, www.gardenclub.org, you may receive phone calls and/or emails from students asking questions about the program and its requirements.
- Copies of the NGC Scholarship Application may be furnished to colleges and universities in each state for the use of Financial Aid Officers at those institutions and by student applicants. However, a more cost efficient and environmentally-friendly method would be to send a letter to these institutions informing them of the availability of this scholarship and refer them to the NGC website for downloading the application.
- Applications must be mailed to the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman for the state in which the applicant is a legal resident, even if the student is attending an out-of-state school.
- When a student reapplies for a scholarship (whether the applicant is or is not a previous winner), a complete new and updated application must be submitted.
- The following documents must be submitted by student: **(NO - STAPLES)**
 1. NGC Scholarship Application Form – signed
 2. Financial Aid Form
 3. Complete official academic transcripts
 4. Letter from applicant (Set margins, headers, and fonts for a one (1) page letter—**FRONT SIDE ONLY**)
 5. List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received (**FRONT SIDE ONLY**)
 6. Three letters of recommendation (One page letters preferred) (**FRONT SIDE ONLY**)

NOTE: **If your state does not have a scholarship applicant, please notify the NGC Scholarship Chairman by regular mail or by email.**

Judging Procedures

- All applications received will be judged by the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman and a committee in order to choose ONE winning application. The NGC Scholarship Chairman will consider only one application per state. (Exception: Any State Garden Club with a membership of over 10,000 as of January may submit two applications. Eligible states will be notified by the NGC Scholarship Chairman.)
- Copies of applications will be shredded after judging.
- The judging committee must be familiar with these items as stated in the application:
 1. Eligibility requirements
 2. Application procedure
- The following is a **sample** of a proposed Scale of Points which may be used for the evaluation of each application by the NGC Scholarship Committee:

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

Instructions for Sending Application to NGC Scholarship Chairman

NOTE: Deadline for students to have applications to state chairmen: February 1, 2017

- **DEADLINE received for NGC State Scholarship to NGC Scholarship Chairman: March 1, 2017**
- **Mail the APPLICATION and the CHECKLIST to NGC Scholarship Committee Chairman**
- NO SIGNATURE required for delivery. You may use Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation, which does not require a signature.
- 2015-17 NGC Scholarship Chairman: Elaine Gunderson
335 Rim Shadows Drive – Sedona, AZ 86336-3459
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Notification of Winners

- Winners are announced during the National Garden Clubs Annual Convention each spring.
- The NGC Scholarship Chairman or NGC Headquarters Staff will notify all applicants in writing of the committee's decision after the NGC Convention, with a copy to the state scholarship chairman.

