

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Life Member Group
APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are restricted to legal residents of Rhode Island and the towns in southeastern Massachusetts served by affiliated Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs. Students may attend any accredited college/university in the United States. Juniors, seniors and Master's Degree candidates are eligible to apply. (Sophomores may apply for their junior year. One-year scholarships, based on need, academic standing and interest, may be awarded to outstanding applicants majoring in environment-related studies, including ecology, horticulture, landscape design, urban planning and related science and engineering programs. A specific list of eligible fields is listed below and on the RIFGC website.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be a US citizen or permanent, legal resident of the Rhode Island (or towns in southeastern Massachusetts with RIFGC-affiliates)
- Must be attending, as a fulltime student, a fully-accredited college/university that is listed on the official website of the US Department of Education
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale
- Must be planning a career related to the environment
- Majors in the following fields of study will be considered:
Agricultural Education, Agronomy, Botany, Biology, City (Urban and Rural) Planning, Environmental Behavior, Environmental Conservation (including Engineering Forestry, Habitat or Forest Systems Ecology, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture/Design, Plant Pathology/Science,), Land Management, Wildlife Science, and other related subjects.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Academic Record	40%
Applicant's Essay	25%
List of Honors/Extracurricular Work	13%
Financial Need	15%
Recommendations	5%
Conformance	2%

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: (Please submit in typewritten, not handwritten, format)

- Complete one-page RIFGC application form
- Complete NGC application form
- Financial Aid form
- Complete Official Academic Transcripts
- Personal essay not to exceed 2 pages
- List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received within last 3 years
- Three letters of recommendations – one page, one-sided only
- Cover letter from applicant

All documents must be mailed together as a package by the applicant in one large envelope. No staples, page protectors or binders. Applications must be mailed to the Scholarship Chair, Life Member Group, RIFGC . **The deadline for completed package is February 1.**

In addition to the RIFGC, one student will be recommended for consideration for a National Garden Club (NGC) Scholarship. It is for this reason that applicants should submit both the one-page application for RIFGC and the NGC application together at the same time.

The applications, along with an official copy of your transcript, three letters of recommendation (one-page, single-sided, and non-relatives, please) a personal essay (not to exceed two pages), all pertinent, required financial aid information, and a cover letter must be sent to the Life Member Group Scholarship Chairman. Further information is available from this Chair.