The Garden Club of Austin (TGCOA) in Austin, Texas invites scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Scholarship funds may be used only for academic training in horticulture or a closely related discipline. TGCOA has given scholarships annually since 1973 and last year two $2500 scholarships were awarded. Award amounts vary depending on the number of successful applicants.

Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in horticulture-related fields of study are encouraged to apply. Selections will be based on the applicant’s demonstrated interest in horticulture and on academic performance. Financial need and residence in Central Texas will be considered only when qualifications are otherwise nearly equal.

The Garden Club of Austin Scholarship Committee must receive completed applications, including letters of recommendations, no later than May 1, 2017. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Application forms may be obtained from the applicant’s school scholarship office, by email at yura@mail.utexas.edu or contacting:

Dr. Joseph Yura, Chair
TGCOA Scholarship Committee
5308 Bull Run
Austin, TX 78727-6608
The Garden Club of Austin, Texas
SCHOLARSHIPAPPLICATION INFORMATION
2017-2018

For an application to be considered, the scholarship committee must receive the following by Monday, May 1, 2017:

1. A completed Scholarship Application Form sent by the applicant.

2. Three letters of recommendation, sent directly by the persons writing the letters. One of these letters should come from a departmental adviser (if the applicant is enrolled in a college or university). At least one of the letters should come from an instructor who has taught the applicant within the last three years. Additional letters are acceptable.

3. An official college transcript(s) if the applicant has completed one or more semesters (terms) in any college. The transcript should be sent directly by the school to the address listed below, but the student may send it, provided the transcript is properly sealed by the transcript office.

The Application Form must be filled out completely. Additional sheets may be attached if needed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Garden Club of Austin Scholarship Committee will consider all applicants who plan to pursue a college degree in horticulture or a closely related field. If an applicant wishes to determine if their field of study qualifies before applying, contact the Committee (see below). In choosing a recipient for a scholarship, the committee will consider previous academic performance, education and career goals, and a demonstrated interest in plant cultivation. Financial need and residence in the Central Texas area will be considered only if qualifications are otherwise nearly equal.

The committee welcomes applications from currently enrolled students in a college or university and those who plan to pursue an advanced degree in plant sciences in 2017-2018.

The committee will select 2016-2017 scholarship recipients on or before May 31, 2017 at which time the awardees will be notified in writing.

The scholarship is usually paid in two equal semester payments if the recipient is enrolled in a college under a two-semester system, or in three equal payments if the recipient is enrolled in a college under a quarter or three-term system. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled, and thus can be used only for tuition, fees and related expenses. Any deviation from this must be approved by the scholarship committee. Last year TGCOA awarded two $2500 scholarships.

A second Garden Club of Austin scholarship may be awarded upon successful re-application in a subsequent year. A student may receive a maximum of two scholarships from The Garden Club of Austin.
The Garden Club of Austin reserves the right to withhold any unpaid portion of a scholarship award if the recipient decides to withdraw from school, postpone enrollment, or if he/she decides to change to a field of study unrelated to horticulture.

Application materials should be sent by surface mail or email to:

yura@mail.utexas.edu

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TGCoA Scholarship Committee
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
2017-2018

Read the Scholarship Application Information form. Complete this application form and return it before May 1, 2017 to Dr. Joseph Yura, Chair, TGCOA Scholarship Committee, 5308 Bull Run, Austin, TX 78727-6608 or email yura@mail.utexas.edu.

Print clearly or type in the spaces provided. Write NA in spaces which do not apply to you. Fill in the spaces regarding a parent/guardian only if they declare you as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

Name___________________________________________________________________ Age_____

Last                                                      First                                                   Initial

Mailing address____________________________________________________________________

Home address_____________________________________________________________________

Telephone (_____)_______________ email_____________________________________________

Name and relationship of all dependents supported by applicant:

Parent/guardian’s name and address

Number of dependents supported by parent/guardian _______

Describe any circumstances that might be considered a financial hardship or otherwise warrant special consideration for this scholarship (attach additional sheets if needed).

Education status as of June 2017 (check one):
   Completing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of college in 2017_____
   Completing college degree in 2017-2018_____
   Completed college degree prior to 2017 and applying to graduate school ______
   Enrolled in graduate school ______

If you are attending or have attended a college, which college, and what is or was your major?
Level at which you will enroll in the fall of 2017 (check one only)

Sophomore_____ Junior_____ Senior_____ Graduate student_____

Major_________________________ Other subject interests_______________________________

What degree will you earn? ___________________________ When? (Mo/yr)_________

Career plans after you complete your degree (attach additional sheets if needed).

Employment:
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Discuss any activities you have participated in (a job, hobby, special trip, special study, etc.) that
demonstrate a particular interest in growing or learning about plants. Attach extra sheet(s) if needed.

List any other extra-curricular activities, hobbies, awards, honors, leadership roles in organizations,
 etc., that you have engaged in. Attach extra sheet(s) if needed.

Signature ________________________________________________ Date_________________