

Keeta Arnold *Initiative* Horticulture Scholarship Sponsored by the Garden Club of Rogers

DEADLINE JANUARY 1st
for GCR Scholarship applications

Scholarship Guidelines and Objectives

The purpose of scholarships is to offer financial aid to students and encourage the study of Horticulture related subjects. (See list below)

The GCR scholarship fund is set up to honor the memory of long time garden club member, mentor, counselor, teacher, and gardener, Keeta Arnold.

The scholarships are geared for students entering college or attending a 2 year study course.*

Details of the Award

- 3 scholarships are awarded yearly in the amount of \$500 each.
- Scholarships are available to students majoring in Horticulture related subject. (see list below)
- High School students may apply in their senior year.
- 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>

Applicant Eligibility

Applications under the following conditions are not eligible:

- International or Foreign Exchange 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.

***Must be a legal resident of the State of Arkansas**

- Must be attending school full-time or as defined by NGC:
 - ◆ 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.
- funds may be applied to studies overseas provided that the study is a condition of the recipient's degree plan and that payment continues to be made to the accredited U.S. college or university.

- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Previous applicants may re-apply (whether awarded or not)

Must be **majoring** in one of the following fields of study:

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

Selection Criteria

*All applications postmarked by January 1 will be judged by the GCR Scholarship Chairman and committee in order to choose a winning application.

*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 GCR Scholarship Committee, which consists of the GCR Scholarship Chairman and 2 other committee members, chosen by the chairman. Final judging takes place in January. Winner(s) are announced at the GCR January Board meeting. The GCR Scholarship Chairman will notify all applicants in writing of the committee's decisions immediately following the judging.

Description of funds

- Awarded funds will be mailed in June from GCR 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 Garden Club of Rogers.

Application procedure: by email or mail

*The following documents must be submitted by email or mail to:

GCR Scholarship Chairman

Sherrie Eoff, 15211 Markey Ln, Garfield, AR 72732-9288,

skeoff@hotmail.com

(front side only)

***Postmarked by January 1st**

1. NGC Scholarship Application Form or GCR Application Form

2. NGC Financial Aid Form

3. Complete academic transcripts

4. Personal letter from applicant, one page- front side only

5. List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received within the last three years

(front side only)

6. Two letters of recommendation, one page per letter- front side only.

7. Completed Checklist

8. All NGC forms should be marked "Initiative" at top of page.

*If mailed, all documents are to be **in one large envelope**. Do not bind or staple documents

*Previous applicants must submit a new and updated application package.

* **Forms may be accessed at www.gardenclub.org/college-scholarships or by contacting GCR Scholarship Chairman.**

Instructions for Completing Application

*All forms to be **typed or computer generated. (front side only-do not staple)**

Application Form		<p>*NGC or GCR Application Form must be used</p> <p>*All fields completed</p> <p>If using NGC application please note “Initiative” on form</p>
Financial Aid Form		<p>*Must be complete with all questions answered</p> <p>*Signed by student and Financial Aid Officer</p> <p>*If Financial Aid information is not available before application deadline, information from the previous academic year may be used with the notation that it is an estimate based on the previous year.</p>
Transcripts		<p>*Official academic transcripts</p> <p>*Transcripts must include the latest grading period.</p> <p>*Graduate students must include undergraduate transcripts</p>
Personal Letter	Limit 1 page	<p>*Discuss background, future goals, financial need, future career goals, with emphasis on all Horticulture related activities/clubs regardless of time frame.</p>
List of Activities	Limit 1 page	<p>*List to include only items from the last 3 years</p> <p>*Students returning to school after absence can list work experience and activities</p>
Letters of Recommendation	Limit 2 letters Limit 1 page each	<p>*Discuss scholastic ability, personal character, work-related experience</p>