

Texas Garden Club Inc.

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Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., gives annual scholarships to **Texas resident students** who are college-level juniors or above. The applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be majoring in a field of horticulture. The fields of horticulture included are floriculture, landscape design, horticulture, botany, biology, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city floriculture planning, land management and other allied subjects. **The application deadline is October 1** for a scholarship given the following spring/winter semester.

Grants were set up in honor of the following: Nellie Day Trigg, Bess Buchanan, Florence H. Thomas, Mary Badham Kittle, Hazel Raske, Francis Ellis, and Ethel W. Spears. These Scholarships are given on a rotating basis in their respective names. These Scholarships continue to grow as the 544 member clubs give yearly to the Scholarship program thereby increasing the principle. The rise in interest rates has greatly improved the dollar amount of our Scholarships. We are fortunate to have two permanently endowed Scholarships which can be given yearly. They are the Ina Brundrett Scholarship and the Francis Ellis Memorial Scholarship.

TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) **Application Form** (typed or computer generated)
- (2) **Financial Aid Form**
- (3) **List of extra-curricular Activities and/or Honors of the past three years.** The attach list must be typed or computer generated.
- (4) **Letter from Applicant.** A personal statement about goals, financial need and career commitment on one typed page.
- (5) **Official Transcript:** A *complete* official academic transcript, which includes the latest grading period, must be furnished. **Graduate students must also submit complete transcripts for undergraduate courses.**
- (6) **2 X 3 Recent Photo** of head and shoulders
- (7) **Self-addressed, stamped 9x12 envelope.** This must be sent in one packet via **Certified Mail** with return receipt request to State Chair by **October 1.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2006 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

It is with pleasure to report that we have selected three outstanding students this year to receive our TGC, Inc. Scholarships. These awards will go directly to the colleges to help with tuition, books, fees and other expenses incurred at each institution. Interest from TGC Endowed Funds made it possible to give \$8,000.00 in Scholarships which will assist the recipients for the 2007 Spring Semester.

The quality of each applicant was commendable.

The applicants are evaluated using a scale of points.

ACADEMIC RECORD 40 Points
Transcript: strength of courses related to major
In horticulture or allied field

CHARACTER 35 Points
Personal Letter 25%
Work, Activities 10%

FINANCIAL NEED 20 Points
Signature of Financial Aid Officer required

RECOMMENDATIONS 5 Points

Letters of Reference

Andrew Blair will receive the FRANCES ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP in the amount of \$3,000.00. Andrew is seeking a master's degree in Population and Conservation Biology from Texas State University-San Marcos. His thesis focuses on the pollination system of the endangered Star Cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*) which is currently restricted to a single county in southern Texas.

Lauren M'Lynn Lehrmann will receive the NELLIE D. TRIGG SCHOLARSHIP in the amount of \$2,000.00. M'Lynn is attending Texas A & M. Her major is Landscape Architecture with a minor in Horticulture. An outstanding student who also works part-time.

Sandra Birnbaum will receive the BESS BUCHANNAN SCHOLARSHIP in the amount of \$3,000.00. Sandra is a graduate student at Texas State University in San Marcus in the pursuit of a Master of Science in Conservation Biology. She is employed by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department in the Wildlife Diversity Program.

1) [Click here to download PDF Scholarship Application Form](#)

- requires free Adobe Acrobat Reader - [can download program here](#).

2) Type in Student Section on Page 2 of the form.

3) Print form with all your answers to Page 2 typed in.

4) Have financial aid officer fill in and sign Page 3.

5) Sign and return entire form along with other required documents.