**Cress Creek Garden Club**

**Guidelines for Scholarships**

The goal of the Cress Creek Garden Club Scholarship Committee is to provide aid to students of higher learning in the areas of horticulture, landscaping, landscape design, conservation, agriculture, forestry, ecology, botany, environmental studies, and other related fields.

**TO BE CONSIDERED, THE APPLICANT MUST:**

* Submit a completed application package
* Be in senior year or have graduated from high school

- Be enrolled or accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning

- Have a current GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0

* Be enrolled in a major relating to horticulture or related studies such as environmental science, landscape design, forestry, botany, etc.

**THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET IS DUE APRIL 1 AND MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- A completed scholarship application form

* Two sealed letters of recommendation, with the signature across the seal, from an advisor, academic instructor, volunteer coordinator or work supervisor
* Most recent **official transcripts** from high school or college
* A 300-500 word essay describing yourself, your educational background and future plans after graduation. Within the essay, include and elaborate on the following:
  + - Organized activities or clubs in which you have participated
    - Work, internships, or volunteer activities
    - Professional goals after you graduate
    - Additional information you wish to include to support your application

NOTE: Requirements for students re-applying for this scholarship are the same as above with the exception of the essay which should describe how their college and other experience in the past year can be applied toward their future work.

The scholarship recipients will be determined in April based on the above criteria. All scholarship awards will be sent to the college of the recipient’s choice in July or August.

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