

**West Virginia Garden Club  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
for College Juniors, Seniors and Graduate Students**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1**

**Details of the Award**

- West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.(WVGCI) is offering a \$3000 scholarship.
- Sophomores may apply for their junior 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**

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a Resident of the West Virginia but may be attending college out of state.
- Must be attending school full-time:
  - ◆ Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes.
  - ◆ Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Agronomy</li> <li>■ Agriculture Education</li> <li>■ Floriculture</li> <li>■ Horticulture</li> <li>■ Landscape Design</li> <li>■ Botany, Biology</li> <li>■ Forestry</li> <li>■ Wildlife Science</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Plant Pathology/Science</li> <li>■ City (Rural &amp; Urban)Planning</li> <li>■ Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology</li> <li>■ Environmental Concerns(Management Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior, Law)</li> <li>■ Environmental Conservation (inc. Engineering, etc.)</li> <li>■ Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects</li> </ul> |
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**Selection Criteria**

- The following Scale of Points may be used for the evaluation of each application:

<b>Academic Record</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Applicant's Letter</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Listing of Honors/Extracurricular Activities/Work Experience</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Financial Need</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Conformance</b>	<b>2%</b>

West Virginia Scholarship Committee will inform the applicant of the committee's decision by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Application Procedure (All forms may be found at [wvgardenclub.com/Scholarships](http://wvgardenclub.com/Scholarships))**

- The following documents must be submitted: (hardcopy, front side only)
  1. WVGCI Scholarship Application form
  2. WVGCI Financial Aid Form
  3. Complete official academic transcripts
  4. 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. Three letters of recommendation. (one page per letter - front side only)
- All of the documents are to be submitted **in one large envelope**. Do not bind or staple documents.

- Mail applications to the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman, David Stedman, 1810 Meyers Bridge Rd, Martinsburg, WV 25404-0490.
- **DEADLINE: Received by February 1**

### Instructions for Completing Application

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

<b>Application Form</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Virginia Application form <u>must</u> be used</li> <li>• <b>All</b> fields completed</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Aid Form</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be complete</li> <li>• Signed by <b>both</b> student &amp; Financial Aid Officer</li> <li>• If Financial Aid information is not available before the application deadline, information from the previous academic year may be used with the notation that it is an estimate based on the previous year.</li> </ul>
<b>Transcripts</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Official</b> academic transcripts</li> <li>• Transcripts must include the latest grading period.</li> <li>• Graduate students must include undergraduate transcripts</li> </ul>
<b>Applicant Letter</b>	Limit - 1 page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss background, financial need, future career goals</li> </ul>
<b>List of Activities</b>	Limit – 1 page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List to include only items for the <b>last 3 years</b></li> <li>• Students returning to school after an absence can list work experience and activities</li> </ul>
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>	Limit – 3 letters 1 page each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss scholastic ability, personal character, work-related experience</li> </ul>