

**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

**APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**

Application and Accompanying Materials Due February 1<sup>st</sup>, of each calendar year to State Scholarship Chairman, noted on Page 5.

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**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (DSGC)**  
**SUMMARY OF - SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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**I. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS:**

All scholarships offered by Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., hereinafter referred to as DSGC, are advanced one-year grants, which are available to Junior, Senior, Graduate, Fifth-Yr Landscape Architecture; and Doctorial Students. Applications may be made by sophomore for grants to be awarded for the junior year. Two (2) advanced annual scholarships will be available in each academic year in the amount of \$3,500.00

**II. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

- DSGC is proud of its scholarship programs, which offers financial aid to students planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design, or horticulture. Suggested Studies:

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

*(The DSGC Scholarship Committee must grant approval for application to be made in any major other than the ones listed)*

**III. TERMS UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED:**

1. Applications must be submitted on the required application form with all required additional information attached (refer scholarship brochure)
2. Applications must be mailed to the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman for the state in which the applicant is a legal resident. A listing of State Garden Club Scholarship Chairmen is found in this brochure package. The appropriate State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman must receive all applications no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Applications received after that date will NOT be considered.
3. All applications received by a State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman will be judged by that Chairman/committee in order to choose One (1) winning application. The DSGC Scholarship Committee will consider ONLY ONE application from each state.
4. Applicants must have at least a 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 point scale) in order to apply. A complete official academic transcript, that includes the latest grading period, must be included. The applicant must be a full time student as defined by DSGC:  
**Twelve (12) Graded hours of classes for an undergraduate; Six (6) graded hours for post-graduate students.** Graduate students must also submit complete transcripts for undergraduate courses.
5. Applicants must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design, or horticulture.
6. **IMPORTANT: STATE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMEN.**  
*If your state DOES NOT have a scholarship applicant, please notify the DSGC Chairman before deadline. (see Checklist in this brochure packet)*

**FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DSGC SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMEN:**

**DSGC Scholarship Chairman:**

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**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUB, INC. (DSGC)**  
**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ACADEMIC YEAR - 2024-2025**  
**DEADLINE: February 1, 2024 - to State Scholarship Chairman**

**DETAILS OF THE AWARD**

- Two (2) college scholarships are available annually, in the amount of \$3,500.00
- One-year scholarships are available to juniors, seniors, 5<sup>th</sup>-YR Landscape Architecture, graduate students
- Sophomores may make application 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 US Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident of the United States
- International or foreign Exchange Students are NOT eligible
- Must be attending school full-time as defined by DSGC
  - ~Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of twelve (12) graded hours of classes
  - ~Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) graded hours of classes
- Study abroad on fellowships or internships are NOT eligible; 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)
- Must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture. Suggested Studies:

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

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

- All applications received by a State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman will be judged by that Chairman and Committee in order to choose ONE winning application
- After judging has been completed at the state level, the state's winning applicant's documents will be forwarded to the DSGC Scholarship Chairman by: February 15<sup>th</sup>, for judging.

**The following Scale of Points will 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</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Activities/Work Experience</b>	
<b>Financial Need</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>5%</b>

- Applications are evaluated and winners chosen by the Scholarship Committee of the Deep South Garden Clubs, which consists of individuals selected/appointed by the Deep South Scholarship Chairman.
- Final judging takes place just prior to the Annual DSGC Convention

(Continued Scholarship Program – Details )

- Winners are announced during the DSGC Convention. The chairman will notify all applicants in writing of the committee’s decision immediately following the judging.

**DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS**

- Checks for the winning applicant’s scholarship will be mailed in July-August from the DSGC Treasurer to the Financial Aid Office of the institution at which the student is enrolled. No funds will be sent direct to the student.
- All funds will be distributed by the Financial Aid Office according to the particular school’s term-system, unless the student has only one term remaining before completion of the degree.
- In the event of a change in a student’s major to one other than those required listed previously, or if the student withdraws from school; the balance of the funds **MUST** be returned to the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

The following documents **MUST** be submitted:

(NOTE: Please Note Deadline: **ONLY – One side of any page or form, DO NOT staple any forms/pages**)

- DSGC Scholarship Application Form
- Financial Aid Form
- Completed official academic transcripts
- Personal Letter from Applicant (One page, front side only) (change font size and margins to accomplish)
- List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received with the last three (3) years
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendations

All of the documents **MUST** be mailed by the applicant, in one large envelope.

***Do not place the documents in page protectors; in any sort of permanent binder; or staple the pages.***

Applications **MUST** be mailed to the DSGC Scholarship Chairman for the state in which the applicant is a legal resident, even if the student is attending an out-of-state school. A complete list of State Scholarship Chairmen is at the end of the application information.

No applications should be sent directly to the DSGC Scholarship Chairman.

When a student reapplies for a scholarship (whether the applicant is or is not a previous winner); a complete new and updated application **MUST** be submitted.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT APPLICATION**

- All forms **MUST** be typed or computer generated - **FRONT SIDE ONLY, Do Not Staple**

Financial Aid Form		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be Complete; all Fields completed</li> <li>• Signed by Student; Signed by Financial Aid Officer/Representative</li> </ul>
Transcripts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transcripts <b>MUST</b> include the latest grading period</li> <li>• Graduate students <b>MUST</b> include undergraduate transcripts</li> <li>• If Financial Aid Information is not available before the application deadline, information from the previous academic year may be used with notation</li> </ul>
Applicant Letter	Limit – one (1) page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss background, financial need, future career goals</li> </ul>
List of Activities	Limit – two (2) pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List to include only items for the <b>last three (3) years</b></li> <li>• Students returning to school after an absence can list work experience and activities beyond the prior three years.</li> </ul>
Letters of Recommendation	Limit – two (2) One (1) Page Each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss scholastic ability, personal character, work-related experience</li> </ul>

**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (DSGC)  
STATE GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMEN**

**ALABAMA**

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**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC. - SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMEN**

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**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (DSGC)**  
**Guidelines for College/University Financial Aid Office**  
**Administering the Scholarship**

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1. Scholarship funds are to be sent to the Financial Aid Office of the College or University the student is attending. Checks will NOT be sent directly to students from DSGC. Funds will be disbursed according to the particular school's term-system, unless the student has only one term remaining before the completion of the degree.
2. Funds may be disbursed only to students who are attending school full-time or as defined by DSGC.
3. 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.
4. The student and Financial Aid Officer/Representative will determine how the money is to be spent: i.e. – tuition, food housing, books, etc.
5. After the scholarship funds have been submitted to the college or university of the student's choice, it cannot be transferred to another college or university.
6. Must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture. Suggested Studies:
  - Agriculture Education
  - Floriculture
  - Landscape Design
  - Botany, Biology
  - Plant Pathology/Science
  - Forestry
  - Agronomy
  - Wildlife Science
  - City (Rural & Urban) Planning
  - \* Habitat of Forest/Systems Ecology
  - \* Horticulture
  - \* Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior)
  - \* Environmental Conservation (incl. Engineering, Law, etc.)
  - \* Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects
7. In the event of a change in the student's major to one other than those listed above, or if the student withdraws from school, the balance of scholarship funds must be returned to:

**Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**2098 Rocky Road**  
**Lenoir City, TN 37771**

The Scholarship Application of Deep South Garden Clubs is available on the website:  
<https://www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com>



**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBC, INC. (DSGC)**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM - ACADEMIC YEAR - 2024-2025**

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Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Home (Legal) Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Department Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL AT TIME OF APPLICATION: (Circle One)

Sophomore      Junior      Senior      Fifth-Yr Landscape Architect      Graduate

CURRENT CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) Previously Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Previous GPA \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Occupational Objective After Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Financial Officer/Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***(Submit this form with the additional required documents to the Scholarship Chairman of your State)***

***(DEADLINE: To be received by the Chairman of your state -- no later than - FEBRUARY 1, 2024)***



**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (DSGC)**  
**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**GUIDELINES for State Garden Club Scholarship Chairmen**

**APPLICATIONS:**

- Since the DSGC Scholarship Application is available for downloading from the Deep South Garden Club, Inc. Website, [www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com](http://www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com), you may receive phone calls and/or email messages from students asking questions about the program and its requirements.
- Copies of the DSGC Scholarship Application may be furnished to colleges and universities in each state for the use of Financial Aid Officers at their institutions and by student applicants. However, a more cost efficient and environmentally-friendly method would be to send a letter to those institutions informing them of the availability of this scholarship and refer them to the DSGC Website for downloading the application.
- Applications must be mailed to the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman for the state in which the applicant is a legal resident, even if the student is attending an out-of-state school.
- When a student reapplies for a scholarship (whether the applicant is or is not a previous winner), a complete new and updated application must be submitted.
- The following documents must be submitted by student: Deadline to State Chairman – February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  1. DSGC Scholarship Application Form
  2. Financial Aid Form
  3. Complete official academic transcripts
  4. Letter from applicant
  5. List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received
  6. Two (2) letters of recommendations

NOTE: If your state does not have a scholarship applicant, please notify the DSGC Scholarship Chairman by regular mail or Email before deadline of February 15th.

**JUDGING PROCEDURES:**

- All applications received will be judged by the State Garden Club Chairman and committee in order to choose ONE winning application. The DSGC Scholarship Chairman will consider only one application per state.
- Copies of applications will be shredded after judging
- The judging committee must be familiar with these items as stated in the application:
  1. Eligibility requirements
  2. Application procedure
- The following Scale of Points will be used for the evaluation of each application by the DSGC Scholarship Committee:

Academic Record	40%
Applicant's Letter	25%
Listing of Honors/Extracurricular Activities/Work Experience	15%
Financial Need	15%
Recommendations	5%

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING APPLICATION TO DSGC SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN:**

- DEADLINE: Postmarked so as to be received by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**, by the DSGC Scholarship Chairman. You may use Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation, which does not require a signature for delivery.

Notification of Winners:

- Winners are announced during the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., Annual Convention each Spring
- The DSGC Scholarship Chairman will notify all applicants in writing of the committee's decision after the DSGC Convention, with a copy to the State Scholarship Chairman.

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**TRANSMITTAL CHECKLIST**

(MUST be submitted and signed by State Scholarship Chairman; attached to front of all application documentation)

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE: February 15, 2024

Send To: Deep South Scholarship Chairman: **Bonnie Borne Stockel**  
 1429 Wolf Bend Rd, Germantown, TN 38138  
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STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENT	PAGE LIMIT	REQUIRED ITEMS	YES	NO
1. Application Form	1	• Application Form must be used		
		• Typed or computer generated		
		• All fields completed		
		• GPA 3.25 or higher		
		• Legal resident of your state		
		• Required academic major		
		• Planning career in required field		
		• Check the transcripts to see if the correct number of semesters or courses have been completed to qualify them for Junior, Senior or Graduate status; sometimes not the PRESENT status is checked but the status when they will use the scholarship.		
2. Financial Aid Form	1	• Typed or computer generated		
		• Must be complete with all questions answered		
		• Signature of Student		
		*Signature of Financial Aid Officer		
3. Transcripts		• Academic transcripts		
		• Transcripts must include the latest grading period.		
		• Graduate students must include undergraduate transcripts		
4. Personal Letter	1	<b>Set margins and font size for one (front side) only page</b>		
		• Typed or computer generated		
		• Discuss background, financial need		
		• Discuss future goals – required career path		
5. List of Activities	2	Front side only		
		• Typed or computer generated		
		• Extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions, awards received <b>within the last 3 years</b>		
		• Students returning to school after an absence can list work experience and activities		
6. Letters of Recommendation (2)	1 page each	Front side only		
		• Typed or computer generated		
		• Discuss scholastic ability, personal character, work-related experience of applicant		

STATE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_