



## St. George Garden Club Scholarship Guidelines

### Criteria:

Candidates must submit an essay of not more than 1,000 words on the topic of "The Importance of Horticulture, Agriculture or Environmental studies in 'Their Working Lives'". As well, they will show their community involvement, affiliations, and horticulture/agriculture/environmental ambitions and why you should receive this bursary. A brief statement of interest and goals and any other information the applicant feels relevant would be helpful.

1. The scholarship recipient must be able to show proof they are presently residing in the County of Brant; are graduating from secondary school and will be entering the first year of post secondary education
2. Candidates will return as a guest speaker, to one of the St. George Garden Club meetings, at a mutually agreed upon date. Topic could be an update on their progress in the accredited course or on any specific horticultural/agriculture/environmental topic of their choosing
3. Candidate will be given a 2 year membership to the St. George Garden Club
4. Scholarship must be for an accredited post-secondary program that runs more than one year in duration ie: apprenticeship, diploma, degree etc.
5. Candidate should demonstrate leadership skills i.e. 4-H, youth group, public service, etc. This is not meant to be a hindrance to candidate's validation; but rather it will help us give proper consideration allowances to their interests. In addition we will consider the mandatory 40 hours community service.
6. Recognition of different courses of study such as environmental or agriculture science programs, horticultural therapy, could be a consideration etc.
7. No age limit on the candidate
8. Recipient may not be awarded the scholarship in consecutive years unless approved by the board
9. Please include your updated high school transcript with this application
10. Application deadline in April 2, 2018.
11. Award presentation will be done at one of our gatherings during the summer of 2018 (date to be determined)
12. Secondary schools in the Brant County/St. George area will be advised of the program through their counselling department with this scholarship being listed along with others available to students
13. Scholarship recipient will be selected by the a team from the St. George Garden club
14. Selections will be based on specific criteria listed for the scholarship
15. Points (1-10) will be awarded in the following areas: Academic, Leadership, Community Service Hours, Community Involvement, Layout of submission and (50 points) for the Essay
16. Final approval will be done by the Executive Board of the St. George Garden Club
17. Applicants will receive scholarship results via email from the Garden Club
18. Candidate must provide proof that their level of education is sufficient to allow admittance to an approved institution of higher education (transcripts normally available through the school).
19. Candidate should provide evidence of an understanding of the significance of the Ontario Horticulture Association