



College Scholarships

The South Haven Garden Club is pleased to offer \$1,000 in scholarships to a current high school graduate from the Van Buren, Allegan or Berrien County area who is pursuing a horticulture related field of study.

Qualifications:

1. Grade Point of 2.5 cumulative GPA or better.
2. Will be graduating with a diploma or GED from high school or technology center in the current school year.
3. Applicant must be an area resident of Van Buren, Allegan or Berrien County, or a horticulture or agriculture student at Van Buren Technology Center. School districts include, but are not limited to: South Haven, Covert, Bangor, Bloomingdale, Gobles, Hartford, Coloma, and Fennville.
4. Applicant must write an essay detailing:
 - a. Interests, activities, and career goals related to gardening, landscape design, conservation, environmental issues, horticulture, or floral design.
 - b. Provide an example of an issue related to Michigan's ecosystem, explain why it is important, how it affects the daily lives of Michiganders, and how the applicant can improve the sustainability of the fragile ecosystem(s).
5. Applicants must be applying to attend an accredited higher education institution, i.e., college, university, community college, or technical school in Michigan.
6. The scholarship will be awarded in two installments of \$500 each for two consecutive semesters upon proof of enrollment. The Scholarship Committee Chair will communicate directly with the applicant's institution to confirm enrollment each semester.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated, and a recipient chosen by the South Haven Garden Club Scholarship Committee. To provide objectivity, all applicant's names will be removed before evaluation.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate applications:

1. Applicant essay.
2. High School Transcript.
3. Description of honors/awards/extracurricular activities/work experience.
4. Letter of recommendation from a non-family adult the applicant interacts with on a regular basis.

Chosen winner will be presented with their award at the annual Senior Awards Night at the South Haven High School.

Once you have a college email address, please forward it to the Committee Chair listed below.

Scholarship Committee
South Haven Garden Club
PO Box 464
South Haven, MI 49090
Or email to: Naomi Haeck; nhaeck@myyahoo.com

South Haven Garden Club College Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School/Trade/Home School: _____

Diploma/GED Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

College/University/Trade School to attend: _____

First Generation college student: (circle one) Yes ____ No ____

Field of Study: _____ Major: _____

Why do you feel you should be awarded a Scholarship?

Extra-curricular Activities – High School:

Community Activities/Volunteer:

Work experience: (begin with most recent)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Duties</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours/Week</u>
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Applicants Signature: _____

Date: _____