**Cress Creek Garden Club**

**Scholarship Application for the 2024 – 2025 School Year**

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 related fields.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Your current Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Other)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending or Attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College Attending in the Fall of 2024 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Expenses: Tuition, Fees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attendance: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or Part Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor/Certification\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Anticipated graduation date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**We must receive the completed application packet by Feb. 20, 2024.** No late applications will be considered.

Send all information in a packet to:

Cress Creek Garden Club of Naperville, Inc.

PO Box 4481

If you have questions, please contact

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**Cress Creek Garden Club Scholarship Guidelines**

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU MUST:

* Submit a completed application packet on or before February 20, 2024
* Be in your senior year of or have graduated from high school or have earned a GED.
* Be enrolled in or accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning.
* Furnish the most recent **OFFICIAL** transcripts from high school or college.
* Be enrolled in a major relating to horticulture or related studies such as environmental science, landscape design, forestry, botany, floral design.

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET IS DUE **FEBRUARY 20, 2024,** AND MUST INCLUDE:

1. A completed scholarship application form
2. Most recent **OFFICIAL** transcripts from high school or college.
3. **Two sealed letters** of recommendation, with the signature across the seal; each should come from an advisor, academic instructor, volunteer coordinator, work/activity supervisor, or mentor. References should be from people who are familiar with the student’s career goals and interests. Include references’ contact information with Email addresses and phone numbers.
4. An essay of 300 words with the following focal points:
* How and why, you envision your future in your selected field of interest.
* The nature of your participation in organized activities and clubs, and the way in which those experiences inform your vision.
* Work, internships, or volunteering which have contributed to your personal journey.
* Additional information you wish to include to support your application.

IF YOU ARE **REAPPLYING** FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST SUBMIT:

1. A completed scholarship application form
2. An **official transcript** for your college coursework through December of 2023, and a list of the coursework you will complete in the spring of 2024.
3. **One sealed letter** of recommendation, with the signature across the seal from an advisor, academic instructor, volunteer coordinator, work/activity supervisor, or mentor. Reference should be from people who are familiar with the student’s career goals and interests. Include reference’s contact information with Email address and phone number.
4. An essay of 300 words which addresses the following:
* An updated vision of your future in your selected field of interest.
* An update of your participation in organized activities and clubs, and the way in which those experiences have further informed your vision.
* Work, internships, or volunteering which have contributed to your progress.
* Additional information you wish to include to support your application.

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Scholarship recipients will be determined in April based on the above criteria. Notification will take place by May 1. All scholarships are paid directly to the schools of the recipients prior to the fall semester.

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