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## FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP COLORADO GARDEN FOUNDATION

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### **I. Scholarship:**

This scholarship offered by Colorado Garden Foundation is a four-year full-ride scholarship available to an incoming freshman resident from Colorado at a publicly funded Colorado college or university.

This scholarship includes tuition, fees, room & board, and all required books for the four years. In addition, the student will be given a laptop computer and printer at the start of their freshman year.

### **II. Purpose of the Scholarship Program:**

Colorado Garden Foundation scholarship program awards financial aid to students in the following fields of study:

- Agriculture Business
- Agriculture Education
- Horticulture
- Floriculture
- Landscape Architecture
- Botany
- Plant Biology
- Plant Pathology/Science
- Nursery & Landscape Management
- Environmental Horticulture
- Agronomy

Applicants must be majoring in one of these fields of study. Approval must be granted by the Colorado Garden Foundation Scholarship Committee 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.
2. Applications must be mailed to Colorado Garden Foundation. ***All applications must be received in our office by March 15<sup>th</sup>.*** No applications received after that date will be considered.
3. All applications received will be reviewed and judged by Colorado Garden Foundation in order to choose *one* winning application. Only Colorado residents can apply. The scholarship award will be for a maximum of four years.
4. The finalists will be required to have a face-to-face interview in Denver with the board of directors of the Colorado Garden Foundation.
5. An annual cumulative grade point average of 2.50 must be maintained. Student must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
6. Student will be expected to perform a minimum of 20 documented hours of annual volunteer community service in a related field.
7. At any time during the student's four year experience at college, this scholarship can be revoked for the following reasons:
  - Annual grade point average falls below 2.50
  - Change of major outside of approved fields
  - Conduct unbecoming a scholarship recipient

8. After the scholarship grant has been submitted to the college or university of the student's choice, it cannot be transferred to another college or university without prior written permission from Colorado Garden Foundation.
9. In the event of a change in the student's major to one other than those approved by Colorado Garden Foundation or if the student withdraws from school, the balance of scholarship funds must be returned to:

**Colorado Garden Foundation**  
**959 S. Kipling Parkway, Suite 100**  
**Lakewood, Colorado 80226**

10. Scholarships are to be disbursed from the Financial Aid Office of the college or university the student is attending. Checks will not be sent directly to students from Colorado Garden Foundation. Funds will be disbursed each semester.
11. Student shall provide written correspondence each semester updating Colorado Garden Foundation on impact of the full-ride scholarship and how classes and major are preparing him/her for the future. Correspondence can be mailed or emailed to Colorado Garden Foundation (jim@ColoradoGardenFoundation.org) and should not exceed one page. Correspondence will be used for Colorado Garden Foundation marketing to help promote the scholarship program.
12. If the student is awarded the full-ride scholarship they must revoke other scholarships they may, or already have, received other than government subsidies.

Evaluation of the applicants will be based on the following items:

<b>ACADEMIC RECORD:</b>	Complete official transcript of high school grades is required.
<b>APPLICANT'S LETTER:</b>	Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment to chosen career, financial need. (Limited to 2 pages. Must be typed or computer generated)
<b>LISTING OF HONORS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/WORK EXPERIENCE:</b>	This information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper, and not be listed within the body of applicant's letter.
<b>FINANCIAL NEED:</b>	Financial Aid form plus a copy of the applicant's parent's most recent tax return <b>MUST</b> also be submitted with the application. This information is kept confidential.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	Two required letters of recommendation submitted (Limited to 1 page each. Typed or computer generated pages)



**APPLICATION FORM FOR FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Department in which enrolling \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Occupational Objective after Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Application form, along with grade transcript, personal letter by applicant, list of activities, Financial Aid form, tax return and letters of recommendation must be sent as one packet to Colorado Garden Foundation. Application form must be complete. Application deadline: Must be received by Colorado Garden Foundation in our office on or before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PERSONAL LETTER BY APPLICANT.** Attach to this application. Letter should discuss background, career goals, financial need, and commitment to chosen field of study. Not to exceed *two* pages. No additional materials will be accepted.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND/OR HONORS RECEIVED:** Attach list.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Two (2) letters of recommendation required. Each limited to *one* page. Must be typed or computer generated. Additional pages or letters will not be accepted. Letters should include discussion of the following:

1. Scholastic ability
2. Character references
3. Work-related experience.



### FINANCIAL AID FORM

This information will be held in strictest confidence. It will be made available only to appropriate officials of the college/university and to the Board members of Colorado Garden Foundation. Since actual financial need is one of the determining factors in the awarding of scholarships, it is necessary that *all* of the requested information be supplied. Parents' most recent tax return **MUST** be provided in the packet.

Use the following form to Foundation all **ANTICIPATED SOURCES OF FUNDS** as well as all **projected costs** involved for attending college in the upcoming school year. It is not required that **projected** resources and expenditures balance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The student must mail this form, along with other required application materials, to Colorado Garden Foundation.

<u>ANTICIPATED RESOURCES</u>	<u>PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</u>
_____ From parent or relative	_____ Tuition & Fees
_____ From personal savings	_____ Housing
_____ Educational Insurance Policies (529 plans)	_____ Board
_____ School-year earnings	_____ Books/ Supplies
_____ Grants/Scholarships	_____ Clothing/ Laundry
_____ Loans	_____ Transportation
_____ Other:	_____ Other:
_____	_____
_____ Total Funds Available	_____ Total Expenses

THIS WILL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY FINANCIAL NEED FORM to Colorado Garden Foundation, 959 S. Kipling Parkway, Suite 100, Lakewood, Colorado 80226.

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

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX BELOW TO AFFIRM THE SUBMISSION OF ALL NECESSARY FORMS AND INFORMATION**

- APPLICATION FORM**
- APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE STATEMENT:** Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment to chosen career, financial need. Limited to 2 pages and must be typed or computer generated.
- LISTING OF HONORS/EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/WORK EXPERIENCE:** This information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper, and should not be listed within the body of applicant's letter.
- ACADEMIC RECORD:** Complete official transcript of high school grades is required.
- FINANCIAL AID FORM:** Student's signature is required on the Financial Aid form.
- FINANCIAL NEED/FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN:** A copy of the applicant's parents' most recent federal income tax return must also be submitted with the application. *This information is kept confidential.*
- RECOMMENDATIONS:** Two required letters of recommendation (limited to 1 page each). Typed or computer generated pages preferred.