

PIONEER DISTRICT GARDEN CLUBS, INC. GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Maximum Scholarship \$1,000 for 2012-2013 academic year will be given to a full-term student in the second year of a community college or sophomore, junior, senior year of a four-year college.

1. Applicant must be a legal resident of Columbia, Washington or Yamhill Counties in the State of Oregon.
2. Applicant must attend an accredited community college or four year college/university in the State of Oregon.
3. Applicant must major in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Environmental Control, City Planning, Land Management, Alternative Energy, or related subjects.
4. Applicants must have at least a 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 point scale) in order to apply. Complete official academic transcripts (including the Fall 2011 term) from all colleges and universities attended must be included. Undergraduate students must be registered as full term.
5. All the information requested on the application, including applicant's Social Security Number and the name and address of the college or university financial aid officer who will distribute the scholarship grant for the winner's tuition, books, or other school-related expenses, must be given.
6. All material must be typed or computer-generated. Application Form, Official Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, Financial Aid Form, Personal Letter by Applicant, and List of Activities must be sent/delivered in one packet (no binders) to the Pioneer District Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship Chairman, 14125 SW Stallion Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97008-6737 by March 15, 2012.
7. The scholarship winner will be notified by the college or university prior to the beginning of academic year 2012. The funds will be credited to the student's account by dividing the amount of the scholarship by terms/semesters.
8. If the scholarship winner changes to a major outside the above group, withdraws from school for any reason, or transfers to another college or university, the balance of the scholarship grant funds must be returned to the Pioneer District Garden Clubs, Inc. Treasurer: Mr. Mike Stewart, 761 Southeast Lynchet Lane, Dallas, Oregon 97338-9572.

9. Applications will be judged on the following points:

ACADEMIC RECORD
(40% of Total)

Submit official transcript of grades is required. Emphasis is placed on the strength of courses related to student's major in horticulture or allied field.

APPLICANT'S LETTER
(25% of Total)

Discussion of background, goals, personal commitment to chosen career, financial need. (Limited to two typed or computer generated pages.)

LISTING OF HONORS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EXPERIENCE (10% of Total)

This information should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper and not be listed with the body of applicant's letter.

FINANCIAL NEED
(20% of Total)

Signatures of Financial Aid Officer and student are required on Financial Aid form that has been fully completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS
(5% of Total)

Three letters of recommendation required, considering scholastic ability, character, and work-related experiences. (Each letter limited to one typed or computer-generated page)

PIONEER DISTRICT GARDEN CLUBS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application may be hand printed, typed, or computer-generated.
(Reverse side may be used.)

Name in Full _____

Home (legal) address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Female _____ Male _____ Marital Status _____ # of Children _____

School-year Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Cell _____ E-mail _____

College or University in Which Enrolled _____

Department in Which Enrolled _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Present Status: Community College: _____ Second Year

Four-Year College College/University: _____ Sophomore _____ Junior

_____ Senior (Note: Students intending to advance to above may apply in their current status; example - 1st year/freshmen may apply 2nd year/sophomore.)

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

Colleges or Universities previously attended _____

Dates _____ Previous GPA _____

When Do You Expect to Graduate? _____ Degree _____

Occupational Objective After Graduation _____

Name of Financial Aid Officer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

APPLICANTS: Please send this application; official transcripts (including last semester attended); personal letter which discusses your educational background, career goals; financial need and commitment to chosen field of study; the three letters of recommendation covering your scholastic ability, character and work-related experiences; the Financial Aid Form signed by you and the Financial Aid Officer; and your list of activities/honors in ONE PACKET to District Scholarship Chairman noted on Check List page by March 15, 2012.

PIONEER DISTRICT GARDEN CLUBS, INC. FINANCIAL AID FORM

The student must complete the section of this form above the dotted line. The Financial Aid Officer of the college or university must complete the section below the dotted line. Both individuals must sign the form.

This information will be held strictly confidential. It will be made available only to appropriate officials of the college or university and to the Pioneer District Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship Committee. 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.

STUDENT

Complete the following form to show all anticipated resources, including scholarships (other than from Pioneer District Garden Clubs, Inc.) loans, grants, etc., as well as anticipated expenses involved in attending college in the 2012-2013 school year. It is not required that total anticipated resources and total anticipated expenses balance.

ANTICIPATED RESOURCES:

\$_____ From Parent or Spouse
\$_____ From Friends or Relatives
\$_____ From Personal Earnings
\$_____ From School-year Earnings
\$_____ From Loans
\$_____ Other Scholarships
\$_____ Other Grants

TOTAL ANTICIPATED
\$_____ RESOURCES

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

\$_____ Tuition and Fees
\$_____ Housing
\$_____ Board
\$_____ Books, Supplies
\$_____ Clothing, Laundry
\$_____ Other Financial Obligations
\$_____ (Specify)_____

TOTAL ANTICIPATED
\$_____ EXPENSES

THIS WILL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY FINANCIAL AID FORM IF I AM CHOSEN AS AN APPLICANT TO THE PIONEER DISTRICT GARDEN CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER

Is this student eligible for receiving financial aid at your institution as follows:

Grants/Scholarships: Yes _____ No _____ Student Loans: Yes _____ No _____

Has this student applied for financial aid at your institution? Yes _____ No _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER'S SIGNATURE _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone and Extension _____ E-Mail _____

Date _____

STUDENT CHECK LIST
Academic Year 2012-2013

- _____ **Information attached and stapled/clipped together.**
(No binders accepted.)

- _____ **Scholarship Application (Only this form may be hand**
printed.)

- _____ **Academic Record**

- _____ **Applicant's Letter**
(Limited to two typed or computer generated pages.)

- _____ **List of Honors/Extracurricular Activities/Experience**
(Separate sheet of paper. No limit to amount of pages.)

- _____ **Financial Aid Form**
(Signatures required of student and financial aid officer.)

- _____ **Three letters of recommendation.**
(Each letter limited to one typed or computer generated
page.)

- _____ **Return above packet with this check list to the**
College/University Financial Aid Office in which you are
enrolled.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE CHECK LIST

- _____ **Check scholarship guidelines and application.**

Return completed application to:

Marcia Kay Whitelock, Scholarship Chairman
Pioneer District Garden Clubs
14125 Southwest Stallion Drive
Beaverton, Oregon 97008-6737

Questions?
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