

# West Virginia Garden Club

Incorporated



August 15, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed you will find a Scholarship Application, from West Virginia Garden Club, Inc. A longtime member, Esther J. Hinchman, has given a generous donation for an annual \$500 Scholarship, to be awarded to a high school senior majoring in some form of Horticulture or Environmental Studies and is planning to attend college, whether instate or out of state.

One of the criteria necessary for applying, is to be sponsored by a West Virginia Garden Club. Your school is located in our Old Trails District. The District Director for that area is Sue Noland. Her email address is: [sunoland@suddenlink.net](mailto:sunoland@suddenlink.net) and her phone number is 304-337-8047. Please have the student contact her and she will put them in touch with a garden club sponsor.

The deadline to apply is February 1, 2018, which we realize is several months away, but we wanted to make sure, all students are made aware of the Scholarship we offer. In the past few years, we have had only one applicant and some years, none at all.

If you have any questions, you may contact us at the email or phone numbers listed below.

Thank you in advance, for distributing our Scholarship Information to your students.

We look forward to receiving many applications.

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**WEST VIRGINIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**INFORMATION AND OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM**  
**FOR THE 2018-2019 (Academic year)**  
**ESTHER J. HINCHMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Esther J. Hinchman Scholarship is a \$500 Scholarship to be awarded to a West Virginia High School Senior Applicant, planning to attend college (in state or out)

**DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

**REQUIREMENTS:** The student must plan to major in some form of Environmental Studies: Horticulture, Landscape Design, Forestry, Botany, Conservation, Land Management, Environmental Concerns, Geology, or related subjects.

West Virginia Garden Club Inc. will forward the funds, in the winner's name, to the university or college of his/her choice, for books and tuition. The West Virginia Garden Club Scholarship

Committee will use the following criteria to choose a winner:

Academic Advancement.....	30%
Need.....	30%
Character.....	15%
Career Commitment.....	15%
Variety of School & Community Involvement.....	10%

*The student must be sponsored by a West Virginia Garden Club.*

Applicant must complete the full application, enclose an official record of high school grades, any letters of recommendation, and write a minimum 250 word typed document. The document should list the applicant's purpose for applying, goals, and any background information, that might help the committee with the above criteria (school activities, community involvement, financial need, personal commitment, etc.) It is not necessary to submit a photograph.

**Scholarship Applications should be mailed to:**  
**Joyce Leach, WVGCI Scholarships Co-Chairman**  
**145 Patricia Court, Moundsville, WV 26041**

Applications are available from any West Virginia Garden Club  
District Director or Club President..

WVGCI ESTHER J. HINCHMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Academic Year 2018-2019

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH AND DAY OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

MALE \_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED DATE OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY-PLANNING TO ATTEND

\_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVE AFTER GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORING WV GARDEN CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Application form, along with grade transcript, personal 250 word letter-written by the applicant, and any letters of recommendation must be sent **in one packet** to:  
Joyce Leach, WVGCI Scholarship Co-Chairman, 145 Patricia Court, Moundsville, WV 26041

RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION: WVGCI has permission yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ to include my name, photos, school, major, and college/university attending, in the WVGCI Garden News and local newspapers. Local paper \_\_\_\_\_

fax \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)