

Scholarship Report
The Garden Club of Wilmington
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My report is small – but the goal of the Scholarship Committee of the Garden Club of America is huge. In short, to nurture and develop the abilities of talented individuals in areas that reflect the goals of the GCA!

The Garden Club of America will award over \$465,000 to fund 75-80 scholars in 2023. As a club we give annually to the Scholarship Fund and more is always welcome!

Would you believe it's fun looking at the Scholarship section on the GCA Website? It is open to all, no password needed. You will be surprised at the breadth and diversity of the scholarships – medical botany, desert studies, wetlands, conservation, horticulture, landscape architecture and pollinator research to name a few. And recently, the Scholarship Committee revised the website to make it easy for candidates to navigate and they didn't stop there. They made sure to use social media, they tweet and they post ads. This was a very important step as 60% of the candidates learn about the scholarships from the internet.

Sometimes the devil is in the details. The wise GCA Scholarship Committee recognized the economic hardship that many candidates suffer when universities are not in session so they created the Summer Scholarships. These are smaller scholarships that enable candidates to continue their research projects during the summer when they would otherwise have to take an unrelated job to support themselves in that time period.

I leave the rest to you to check out on the GCA website!

Respectfully submitted

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