

# The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

## College Scholarships (updated 1-10-18)

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. offers scholarships for undergraduate students (including high school seniors who will be freshmen in the Fall), and graduate students who will be attending accredited colleges and universities. Applications are due **April 1**.

Scholarships are available for students majoring in:

- horticulture,
- floriculture,
- landscape design or architecture,
- conservation,
- forestry,
- sustainable food and farming,
- agronomy,
- city planning,
- environmental and ecological studies,
- land management,
- botany,
- biology,
- and allied subjects.

Applicants must have maintained a legal residence in Massachusetts for at least one year, have a minimum "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), have good character, and have financial need.

There are eleven (11) scholarships available. Only one application is required per student. It should be noted that the Ruth Cleveland Scholarship is available to graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences and that three of the scholarships require that the student attend the University of Massachusetts. The GCFM Scholarship Committee determines a student's eligibility based on a completed application package.

Applications and financial aid forms are available on the GCFM website, <http://www.gcfm.org/>  
The current Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Scholarship funds are as follows:

1. "The Margaret Motley Scholarship Fund" in honor of the first president of the Federation. The applicants of this scholarship shall be **students attending the University of Massachusetts, majoring in floriculture, horticulture or Landscape Design.**
2. "The Harold T. Bent Horticulture Scholarship Fund" in recognition of Harold T. Bent's services as horticulture chairman and adviser. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **students attending the University of Massachusetts majoring in some phase of horticulture.**
3. "The Lottie S. Leach Scholarship Fund" in honor of Lottie S. Leach for her outstanding contribution in the various fields of federated garden club work, both state and national. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **students of the University of Massachusetts pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**
4. "The F. Carroll Sargent Scholarship Fund" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the state-wide horticulture program of the Federation. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate college students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**
5. "The Violet E. MacLaren Conservation Scholarship Fund" in memory of a beloved past president of the Federation. Applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate college students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to conservation in its widest aspect.**
6. "The Baker Scholarship Fund" in honor of Dr. & Mrs. E. Carlisle Baker for their joint

outstanding contribution to the many activities of the Federation. Dr. Baker was a staunch supporter in furthering the objectives and interests of the Federation, and his wife, Edna, was the 13th president and an Incorporator of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**

7. "The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund" is presented by the Andover Garden Club in recognition of her efforts to enrich the lives of garden club members in the pursuit of all the arts and sciences. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences.**

8. "The Margaret Bent Patterson Scholarship Fund" established in 1982 by the Chestnut Hill Garden Club in recognition of her dedicated service to the club and to The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. In 1950 she was one of the signers of the Articles of Incorporation of the Federation, and in 1972, its 25th president. The recipient (one person) shall be a **college senior or graduate student pursuing the study of landscape architecture or horticulture considered in its widest aspect.**

9. "The Evelyn R. Cole Scholarship" is presented in memory of the 15th president of The Garden Club of Hingham, as well as past president of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. It is a scholarship to be awarded in recognition of Mrs. Cole's efforts to enrich the lives of Garden Club members everywhere. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the environmental sciences in its widest aspect.** There shall be no restrictions on this scholarship except that the applicant must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

10. "The Landscape Design Council Scholarship Fund" established in 1986 by the membership of LDC to encourage students to pursue the study of Landscape Design and related fields. Applicants for this scholarship shall reside in Massachusetts. The recipient should be a **Junior, Senior or graduate student majoring in Landscape Architecture, City Planning or related fields of interest, including horticulture and conservation.**

11. "The Mary M. Conley Scholarship Fund" established in 1997 by a bequest in the will of Mary M. Conley. She was a member of the West Newbury Garden Club, a Master Judge and a member of the Landscape Design Council. Applicants for this scholarship shall be a **graduate or undergraduate student pursuing the study of horticulture, landscape design, environmental science or related fields of interest.**