

GGIA Scholarship Guidelines The Bill Inabinet Scholarship

Purpose

The Georgia Green Industry Association Scholarship Fund exists to serve and support the students who aspire to be future leaders in our industry. The financial aid given is one way we can invest in their efforts and thereby invest in the success of ornamental horticulture in Georgia.

Administration

The scholarship program is under the direct supervision of the GGIA Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors of the Georgia Green Industry Association. The Scholarship Committee screens applicants and selects the recipients each fall. The deadline for receiving applications is November 1st of each year. The Committee will notify the recipient by December 15th. As a part of the process, the Committee reserves the right to request a personal interview with any applicant under consideration.

Award Guidelines

1. All applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the green industry or related field of work.
2. All applicants must complete the application form in full along with all required documentation and submit the application packet to GGIA no later than the November 1st deadline.
3. Preferred applicants should have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for undergraduate students or 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 for graduate students.
4. All applicants must be a Georgia resident.
5. All applicants must be currently enrolled in a school that offers either a two year or four year horticulture program; in or out of state.
6. The Bill Inabinet Scholarship is awarded on an annual basis and the application process must be completed each year in order to be considered for any subsequent school term.
7. The Georgia Green Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, reserves the right to make all final decisions in regard to scholarship awards.

Scholarship Disbursements

The GGIA Scholarship Committee will notify the winning recipient of the Bill Inabinet Scholarship after December 15th once the evaluation process is complete. The scholarship amount of \$1000 will be presented to the recipient during the GGIA Wintergreen Trade Show, which takes place each year near the end of January. The recipient is expected to attend Wintergreen at the designated time and place in order to be awarded the scholarship check in front of industry peers.

Criteria for Scholarship Award

1. Overall Strength of application (GPA, presentation, clear goals)
2. Leadership and work experience (student activities, civic involvement, summer jobs)
3. Strength of references (comments from teachers and/or employers)
4. Financial need (other scholarships, student job, siblings in college)