

**The Garden Club of Cape Coral (GCCC)**  
**Merit Scholarship Awards Information and Guidance 2019**  
In honor of Marty Ward, a Founder of the Club

**Purpose of Scholarships:** Assist worthy graduating high school seniors, who plan to obtain college degrees, and who have demonstrated an interest in areas such as horticulture, environmental studies or sustainability, agriculture, biology/botany, natural resources, conservation and/or hydrology. The interest should be demonstrated through their studies, extracurricular activities, and/or employment during their years in High School and/or Middle School.

**Award Details:** Awards of up to \$1,250 to each winner will be presented at the GCCC meeting on April 10, 2019. Winners must be present to receive their awards. Each award is contingent on acceptance and enrollment at an accredited institution of higher learning. Awards are not based on financial need. The application is available online at [www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com](http://www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com).

**Eligibility:** Applicant must

1. Be a Cape Coral resident
2. Be a high school senior
3. Demonstrate an active and ongoing interest and participation in horticultural and/or environmental issues. This includes classroom and extracurricular activities such as work and volunteer experience.
4. Have a goal related to the purpose of the scholarships

**Timetable:**

1. Application, including references, **must be received no later than Friday, February 22, 2019.** It can be emailed to Sally Stevens at: [meritaward@gardenclubofcapecoral.com](mailto:meritaward@gardenclubofcapecoral.com)  
or mailed to :     The Garden Club of Cape Coral  
                          Attn: Sally Stevens, Merit Awards Committee Chair  
                          P. O. Box 152022  
                          Cape Coral, FL 33915-2022
2. Persons identified as references by the applicant must also email or mail their recommendations by the deadline for the application.
3. Notification of award decisions will be made by March 15, 2019.

**Judging of Applications:** Members of the GCCC Merit Awards Committee will award points in five categories to each application. These points will be the basis for the scholarship awards:

1. Personal Recommendations – 20%
2. Extracurricular/Work Activities – 20%
3. All High School Classes – 15%
4. College and Career Goals – 15%
5. Personal Statement – 30%





## **Personal Statement:**

Please print or type a statement of at least 250 words on a separate page with your name printed at the top, and submit it with your application.

Select a topic that:

1. Relates to the stated purpose of these scholarships in your future;
2. Explains your commitment toward conserving our natural environment; and
3. Provides details of a personal experience, or your opinion and action on an issue, or your goals for influencing the world in the future.

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Reference for \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Applicant

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To the extent you are able, discuss applicant's level of academic achievement, work ethic, motivation, curiosity, character traits and service to others.

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