

**The Garden Club of Cape Coral (GCCC)**  
**Merit Scholarship Awards Information and Guidance 2018**  
In honor of Marty Ward, a Founder of the Club

**Purpose of Scholarships:** Assist worthy graduating high school seniors to obtain college degrees in a major field of study such as: horticulture, environmental studies, agriculture, biology/botany, natural resources, conservation, sustainability, science education or hydrology.

**Award Details:** Awards of \$1,000 to each winner will be presented at the GCCC meeting on April 11, 2018. 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.

**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 career goal related to the purpose of the scholarships

**Timetable:**

1. Application, including references, **must be received no later than Wednesday, February 28, 2018**. 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 14, 2018.

**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. Relevant High School Classes – 10%
4. College and Career Goals – 20%
5. Personal Statement – 30%

Application is available to download from The Garden Club of Cape Coral website:  
[www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com](http://www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com)



**Summary of Relevant Classes – currently or previously taken:**


**Career Goals – briefly discuss your intended major field and career plans.**


**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;
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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