

2024 APPLICATION PACKET

# GGIA Scholarship Program



Bill Inabinet



Wilbur Mull

**APPLICATIONS DUE:**  
January 31, 2024



**GGIA**  
GEORGIA GREEN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION





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Matthew Jordan

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RECIPIENTS



Rebekah Lee



Zoë Prince

# GGIA Scholarship Guidelines

## **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. (in college)

## **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 winter. The deadline for receiving applications is January 31, 2024. The Committee will notify recipients by mid to late February. As a part of the process, the Committee reserves the right to request a personal interview with any applicant under consideration.

## **Scholarship Dispersements**

The GGIA Scholarship Committee will notify the winning recipients of the scholarships mid to late February once the evaluation process is complete. The scholarship amount of \$1000 will be presented to the recipients during the GGIA annual conference and trade show, Southeast Green (formerly Wintergreen). The recipient is expected to attend Southeast Green at the designated time and place in order to be awarded the scholarship 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)
5. You must be an actively enrolled student on the application deadline day.

## **Additional Considerations for Award**

- Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, and the application process must be completed each year in order to be considered for any subsequent school terms.
- In the event of comparable rankings among applicants, first-time recipients may be given priority.
- The Georgia Green Industry Association Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, reserves the right to make all final decisions in regard to scholarship awards.



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## **Scholarship Requirements**

All applicants must:

- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the green industry or related fields of work.
- Complete the application form in full along with all required documentation and submit the application packet to GGIA no later than the deadline.
- Qualify as one of the following:
  - A Georgia resident currently enrolled in a school that offers either a two-year or four-year horticulture program, in or out of state.
  - Any student currently enrolled in a Georgia school that offers either a two-year or four-year horticulture program.
- 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.

## **Bill Inabinet Scholarship Requirements**

The Bill Inabinet Scholarship from the Georgia Green Industry Association exists to serve and support the students who aspire to be future leaders in Georgia's Green Industry.

This scholarship is named to honor Bill Inabinet, a longtime leader in the green industry and a staunch supporter of education. Bill recognized the need to foster a desire for learning and that education was key to providing the green industry with future generations of leadership.

Funding for the scholarship program comes from the generous gifts of industry members. Additional funding is provided through GGIA's membership dues.

## **Wilbur Mull Scholarship Requirements**

The Wilbur Mull Endowed Scholarship was created to support students in non-horticulture fields of study with interests related to the green industry. As a dedicated association member and industry business owner, Wilbur Mull worked to promote, market, and brand green goods during his lifetime.

Initial funding for or this scholarship program comes from donations from Wilbur's family, friends, and industry associates.

# GGIA Scholarship Application

This year, the GGIA Scholarship Application has shifted to an online application. We strongly encourage you to prepare the written portions of your application prior to filling out the form.

## Things to Prepare Before Applying

- Please prepare a List of Activities that you want to share with the GGIA Scholarship Committee. You will be asked to upload these in the application process.
  - Extracurricular Activities
  - Community & Volunteer Activities
  - Awards / Recognitions (Please specify college or high school)
- Please prepare a short description of the factors and experiences that have influenced your interest in horticulture. You may also include reasons you feel are deserving of this scholarship. This should be no more than 1-2 brief paragraphs. You will upload these while filling out your application.
- One to three reference letters which include an evaluation of your background, character, and qualities. You will upload these while filling out your application.
- You will need to be prepared to email a current copy of your transcript to [lanie@ggia.org](mailto:lanie@ggia.org). Your application will not be complete until we receive a copy of your transcripts.

## To Apply:

[2024 GGIA Scholarship Application Form](https://wkf.ms/3Y3s5Jt)  
<https://wkf.ms/3Y3s5Jt>



## After Applying:

After your application is successfully submitted and complete, you will receive an email from our Executive Director, Lanie Riner, acknowledging the receipt of your application.

If you have any questions or concerns about the application process, please reach out to [lanie@ggia.org](mailto:lanie@ggia.org).