

APPLICATION

BILL INABINET SCHOLARSHIP



PRESENTED BY:
**GEORGIA GREEN
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

APPLICATIONS DUE
NOV. 20, 2022

2022 RECIPIENTS

RILEIGH KIMBALL



Raleigh Kimball is a Senior Environmental Horticulture major at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. She works at ABAC, where she assists with various turfgrass & ornamental learning labs. Raleigh also works part-time as an engineering intern for a software development company. Some of Raleigh's accomplishments include completing an undergraduate research project that was submitted to the American Society of Horticulture Science. She also completed two internships at ABAC; her 1st internship was with Hillside Ornamentals, where she says she gained experience in all aspects of ornamental nursery production. Her 2nd internship was with GWES, where she used web-based irrigation applications to monitor soil moisture levels. She plans on completing a precision agriculture certificate and receiving a B.S. in Computer Science. She hopes to combine her knowledge of horticulture and computer science to help develop technologies to make improvements within the green industry.

TYLER WILLIAMSON



Tyler Williamson is a sophomore at the University of Georgia majoring in horticulture with an emphasis in Landscape Contracting and a minor in Landscape Architecture. His inspiration to pursue a degree in horticulture stems largely from his family owning and operating a small landscaping business in Augusta, Georgia. Tyler currently serves as Co-Vice President of the UGA Horticulture Club, where he assists in organizing the annual fall and spring plant sales. He also conducts greenhouse activities for the club. Tyler hopes to pursue a career in landscape design/ installation and potentially start up a retail nursery. In addition, Tyler seeks to expand the role of sustainable landscape practices in Georgia's green industry.

HATTIE CARTER



Hattie Carter is in her second year as a Horticulture student at the University of Georgia. She currently works part-time at the University of Georgia's Trial Gardens and plans on interning with the UGA State Botanical Gardens in her next semester. In her free time, she works with other students to help rebuild UGA's dilapidated water cisterns to provide a more sustainable campus. Hattie says her time at the Trial Gardens and her various other projects made her realize how much she enjoys working in a garden with such strong community ties. She credits her love of gardening and all things outdoors to her two grandmothers and great aunt. After graduation, Hattie would love to work with organizations that support community gardens.



Bill Inabinet was a vocal leader in the green industry and a long-time supporter of education efforts. In 2017, GGIA revamped our scholarship program and named the new program to recognize Bill and his lasting impact on the industry. The Bill Inabinet Scholarship Fund will help support the dreams of students who are pursuing a career in horticulture. Scholarship availability will be announced each fall with the winners being recognized each year at our annual conference and tradeshow.

The Bill Inabinet Scholarship Program from the Georgia Green Industry Association 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.

The program 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.

With pride, GGIA presents the three scholarship winners for this year and congratulates them on their accomplishments. We look forward to seeing these bright students become successful members of the green industry very soon.

GGIA Scholarship Guidelines

The Bill Inabinet Scholarship

Purpose

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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 20th of this year. The Committee will notify the recipient by mid to late December. 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 20th 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. In the event of comparable rankings among applicants, first time recipients may be given priority.
8. 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 mid December once the evaluation process is complete. The scholarship amount of \$1000 will be presented to the recipients 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)



Scholarship Application

Please return no later than November 20, 2022

Completed applications and supporting materials can be sent to:

Lanie Riner via email: lanie@ggia.org or mailed to:

Georgia Green Industry Association Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 539 Woodbury, GA 30293

Student Name: _____

(First)

(Last)

(Middle Initial)

I. Contact Information

Email Address: _____

Hometown Mailing Address: _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

School Mailing Address: _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Hometown Phone No.: (____) _____ Cell Phone No.: (____) _____

II. Education Background

High School Graduated From: _____ Year: _____

GPA _____

Secondary School Enrolled in now: _____ Major: _____

GPA: _____

Class standing as of the fall semester: (Check One) _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore

Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate Student _____

Expected Career: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Other Schools Attended: _____

GPA: _____

Please explain your financial needs for applying for this scholarship:

III. Activities:

Extracurricular Activities:

Community & Volunteer Activities:

Awards/Recognitions- Please specify college or high school.

IV. Employment History

1) _____

Employer

Job Description

Dates

Person to Contact

Phone

2) _____

Employer

Job Description

Dates

Person to Contact

Phone

3) _____

Employer

Job Description

Dates

Person to Contact

Phone

4) _____

Employer

Job Description

Dates

Person to Contact

Phone

V. Supporting Materials

Please include the following with your application

- 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.
- A current copy of your transcript.
- One to three reference letters which include an evaluation of your background, character, and qualities.