

## **GCC Employee Scholarship**

### **Mission Statement**

The Garden Centers of Colorado (GCC) have established a Continuing Education Stipend/scholarship/grant program from a portion of the GROW program profits. The goal of the scholarship/grant program is to promote ongoing educational opportunities that encourage or enhance careers in the green industry for employees of Garden Center of Colorado members.

### **Selection criteria:**

1. Applicant must be employed by a company that is a member of GCC.
2. Applicant must study educational courses that lead to or enhance careers in the green industry.
3. Applicant must submit the most recent transcript of grades and/or work experience.
4. Applicant must have GCC member employer submit a referral letter for each applicant.
5. Applicant must attend an accredited program during the next 12 months after receiving notification about the scholarship/grant. Courses of study might include community colleges, universities, the Master Gardener program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service, or any other long-term educational program.
6. Applicant must be a high school graduate or have a GED.
7. Recipient can only earn one scholarship/grant from this program.

### **GCC Commitment**

GCC will distribute info about the scholarship/grant opportunity through the member newsletter, website, fax and email list serves to GCC member companies.

GCC will give at least one Continuing Education Stipend/scholarship/grant for various amounts up to a total of \$2500.00 each year.

GCC Service Committee will screen applications and interview the selected candidates.

GCC will develop a point system based on the application to determine the winner(s).

GCC will take a digital photo of the interviewees during the interview process to be used for publicity purposes.

GCC will write the check to the program of choice for the selected applicant(s) versus giving check directly to the applicant.

**The schedule** for the selection process is:

Accept applications	April 1 to June 30
Review applications	June 30 to July 13
Interview Candidates	week of July 13
Award scholarships/grants	by July 17
Pay out funds to program	anytime during the next 12 months

Get an application from your employer, on line at [www.gardencentersofcolorado.org](http://www.gardencentersofcolorado.org), contact GCC office at 303 850-7589 or email [mngmntplus@qwest.net](mailto:mngmntplus@qwest.net).