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GARDEN CENTRE ASSOCIATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Garden Centre Association Trust is pleased to invite applications for a scholarship to support students who wish to gain qualifications and further their career in the garden centre or allied industries by attending a full-time or part time National Certificate, Higher National Diploma or Foundation Degree course in Horticulture.

Conditions of the Award

1. Applicants will be considered if they are nominated by members of the Garden Centre Association or by their chosen college. Those that come via Grants for Horticulturists will need their application endorsed by their accepting college. The final decision will be made after interview by the Board of Trustees.
2. The award is available for Foundation Degree, National Certificate or Higher National Diploma in horticulture, however other relevant courses will be considered. The actual course followed will depend on the qualifications of the successful applicant.
3. Preference will be given to a student who would otherwise find it difficult to attend college on financial grounds.
4. The award of up to £1500 per annum for full time study, up to a maximum of two years, or pro rata for part time will be paid directly to the college towards the costs of course fees.
5. The amount awarded will take into account any financial support from other sources.
6. Prospective applicants must be at least 16 years of age. Applications from mature students are also encouraged.
7. Foundation Degree and Higher National Diploma students in receipt of an award will be expected to undertake a dissertation project, which will benefit the Garden Centre Association or the garden centre industry as agreed with the college.

Students on the National Certificate course will be expected to prepare a report on their studies before completing their course.

Copies of these reports will be made available to the Garden Centre Association Trust who may wish to circulate them to members of the Garden Centre Association.

Failure to meet the conditions of the award

1. Failure to progress satisfactorily through any of part of the course will result in withdrawal of further funds.
2. Withdrawal from the course will result in withdrawal of funding. Deferral from the course due to mitigating circumstances will result in suspension of funding, pending satisfactory progress.
3. In all cases of withdrawal or referral the recipient will be expected to notify, in writing, both the Garden Centre Association Trust and horticultural college.

How to apply:

Please complete the application form and return it with a covering letter stating your reasons for the scholarship application.

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