

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 2023

The president will appoint a scholarship chair at the beginning of their terms. The chair may appoint committee members to serve and review the criteria for awarding scholarships to students in the community. Special fundraising events are held to raise money for the scholarships, they include but are not limited to the yearly plant sale in May and the wreath sale in November. The committee will also determine scholarship amounts to be awarded according to the budget that is set by the budget committee.

Scholarship committee responsibilities:

- Schools are notified of the scholarship process at the beginning of the school year.
- One scholarship is available to a student at Crescent High School in Joyce and a student at Port Angeles High School.
- Students need to have their scholarship notebooks to the school by the end of February. The school will forward the notebooks to the committee chair by mid March.
- The chair and appointed committee members review the notebooks and determine if they meet the criteria set up by the PAGC. Once the selections are made a letter is sent to the school for the student along with a form to fill out for the treasurer to know where to make the check payable. All students are required to attend a college, university or trade school in the state of Washington.
- The treasurer will send a letter and check to the college, university or trade school on behalf of the student.
- Scholarship award winners are shared with the club at the May general meeting. In the year we are not installing officers at the June luncheon, scholarship winners are invited to attend the general meeting and tell us about their field of study and goals.
- The student will be awarded the scholarship at graduation. The committee or garden club members are encouraged to attend graduation, (where scholarships are awarded) but it is not mandatory.

Criteria for scholarship awards:

- Applicants must be a Washington state resident, attending or a graduate of a Clallam County high school, US citizen or permanent resident, applying to a Washington state college, university or trade school as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.
- Fields of study must be environmentally related as:
  - Agriculture
  - Shellfish Biology
  - Plant Biology
  - Horticulture
  - Forestry
  - Natural Sciences
  - Conservation
  - Environmental Engineering
  - Environmental Science and Resource Management
  - Composite Structures
  - Wildlife/Habitat Restoration Management
  - Tree Fruit Production/Management
  - Landscape Design
- Academic requirements are as follows:
  - High school senior with a 2.5 GPA or better who is majoring in one of the above fields.
  - The GPA is flexible at the discretion of the committee if it is close to the minimum and other qualifications/financial need, etc. indicate an outstanding student with potential. This specific criteria is dependent on the number of well qualified applicants.