



The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc. (GTGC) is pleased that you are considering applying for the Mercer Scholarship up to \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) toward your tuition at an accredited college, university, or technical school.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- U.S. citizen and Walton County, Florida resident (student or parents).
- Currently enrolled or have been accepted at a college, university or technical school and majoring in botany, ecology, horticulture, forestry, landscape design or architecture, agriculture, environmental studies, biology, or an acceptable related degree.
- If the applicant is currently enrolled, he/she must have a “C+” average (2.5) or higher.
- Scholarship award will be sent directly to the college, university, or technical school as part of a tuition payment.

The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc., located in Walton County Florida, is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. GTGC supports other non-profit organizations in the community including, but not limited to, educational institutions, youth groups and environmental preservation.

The GTGC’s purpose is to stimulate interest in the beautification of Walton County, to further the education of its members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, environmental awareness, conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, and nature studies. It is our goal to instill in our youth and young adults the love of gardening and respect for the environment.

The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc. is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., District 1. The club was founded January 10, 1956, federated on February 3, 1959, and incorporated on May 21, 2019.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship and meet the above requirements, please contact Debbie Michel, GTGC Scholarship Committee Chair if you have questions. Her contact information is on the application form **which may be submitted prior to but no later than April 30, 2023.**

Should you be selected for the scholarship award, you will be notified in early May 2023. The winner will be invited to attend the Green Thumb Garden Club May 2023 meeting so that they may receive the scholarship award and meet some of our generous members.

We look forward to receiving your application. Thank you.

Debbie Michel, Scholarship Committee Chair

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