



The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc. (GTGC) is pleased that you are applying for the Mercer Scholarship up to **\$4,000** (Four 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 parent/legal guardian).
- 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 (not medical), or an acceptable related degree.
- If the applicant is currently enrolled, he/she must have a “C+” average (2.5) or higher.
- Scholarship funds 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. Your application form may be submitted prior to but no later than Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Should you be selected for the scholarship award, you will be notified in early May, 2026. The winner will be invited to attend the Green Thumb Garden Club meeting on May 20, 2026 at Eden Gardens to receive the scholarship award and meet some of our generous members.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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