

**2023-2025 President's Project Resolution**  
**Plant America: Planting the Seeds of Tomorrow, Today**  
**(Building our Scholarship Fund)**

Whereas, California Garden Clubs, Inc., hereafter referred to as CGCI, is a 501c3 charitable, educational nonprofit organization, and;

Whereas, in May 1965-the first two CGCI scholarship recipients received \$500 ; and;

Whereas, \$500 awarded in 1965 when allowing for inflation would in 2023 equate to nearly \$5,000 and;

Whereas,—CGCI has awarded two \$2,000 scholarships annually to recipients with funds coming from the existing Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund, and;

Whereas, “The cost of attending a four-year college full time, including tuition, fees, and room and board has increased 180% annually since 1978”, according to the National Center for Education Statistics and;

Whereas, we have more scholarship applications from well-qualified and worthy students than funding available for the scholarship program; therefore, be it

Resolved, now is the time for the largest state organization in National Garden Clubs, Inc. to add to the Scholarship Donations/Life Membership fund (Line Code 31513), and to correct the imbalance between the growing need and CGCI's ability to meet the need, and;

Resolved, that California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt “**Planting the Seeds of Tomorrow, Today (Building our Scholarship Fund)**” as the 2023-2025 President's Project. The purpose being to raise funds to increase the scholarship dollar amount awarded per recipient and/or to increase the number of scholarships awarded beginning in 2024, and

Resolved, that donations made by members, clubs, districts, individuals from the general public and companies be made payable to “CGCI” with “President's Project 2023-25” added in the memo line and be sent to the President's Project chairman, who will keep records of the transactions and forward the donations to the CGCI Treasurer for deposit into the Temporarily Restricted Fund 2023-2025 President's Project (Line Code 31511G), and;

Resolved, on, or around June 15, (in 2024 and in 2025) the balance will be transferred to the CGCI's Temporarily Restricted Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund (Line Code 31513). Should the amount transferred exceed \$5000 per year to the aforementioned fund, the funds received in excess of \$5000 per year may be awarded after the 2026 scholarship year. Funds from this 2023-25 President's Project shall be used to meet the highest scholarship need, as determined by the Scholarship Committee, and;

Resolved, that any funds remaining in the Temporarily Restricted Fund 2023-25 President's Project as of June 30, 2025 (line code 31511G) shall be transferred to CGCI's Temporarily Restricted Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund (Line Code 31513) for the purposes detailed in previous paragraphs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Vallens  
President-Elect 2022-2023