



# Roseville Better Gardens Club (RBGC) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

## Applications Due: May 1, 2026 Instructions and Guidelines

**Details of the Award:** Scholarship awards in the amount of **\$1,000** each are available for the upcoming year.

**Who can apply:** One-year scholarships will be available to **high school seniors** and **college students** pursuing a horticulture-related BS degree. **College/university** applicants may be full-time or part-time and enrolled in two or more classes.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Deserving **high school seniors and college students** will be awarded scholarship funds based upon: scholastic record, career goals, financial need, character, initiative, work ethic and general attitude. Applicants must meet **all** the following criteria:

- **Residency Requirement:** Must be a US citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States. Must be a California resident with permanent resident home address in one of the following counties, **OR** a temporary resident, while attending a college/university in one of the following counties: El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, or Yolo County. Students may attend any California college or university. (*Address on transcript is proof.*)
- **Academic record:** Applicant must have at least 2.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) to be eligible to apply.
- **Career focus:** Applicant must be pursuing a career/occupation related to Gardening, Landscape Design, Environmental Issues, Floral Design or Horticulture. The college/university major must be in one of the following: Agri-business (Farming), Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Wildlife Science, Plant Pathology/Science, Habitat or Forest Systems Ecology, Forestry, Environmental Concerns: (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior), Environmental Conservation, Land Management, and/or other Horticulture related areas.

**Not Eligible:** International or foreign exchange students are **not eligible**. Master's and doctorate students are **not eligible**.

## **Application Package:**

The following documents must be emailed by the due date, **May 1, 2026**.

1. **Application Form:** A completed RBGC Scholarship Application Form (below).
2. **Academic Record:** An emailed copy of all transcripts of all courses completed is required at the time of application.
3. **Transcripts:**

**High School applicants:** Emailed copy of High School transcript and proof of college acceptance.

**College applicants:** Emailed copy of the most recent transcript is required. Emphasis is placed on the strength of courses related to student's major in horticulture or related field.

NOTE: Official transcripts will be required/mailed for RBGC scholarship winners.

4. **Applicant's letter:** Discuss goals, background, financial need (income) and personal commitment to career choice. Limit to two (2) pages.
5. **Resume: Include a list of honors, extracurricular activities, and work experience:** This information should be included on a separate page with the application. (Resume format)
6. **Recommendations:** Two (2) letters of recommendation describing character, initiative, general attitude, and work ethic. References from family members will not be accepted. Each letter must be emailed by the author directly to [bpatman@att.net](mailto:bpatman@att.net) by the application deadline, **MAY 1, 2026**.

**Renewal:** Scholarships are renewable on a yearly basis provided the applicant reapplies, **remains** in a horticulture-related field of study **as a major**, is in good standing with his or her college or university, and continues to meet the RBGC Scholarship criteria. When an applicant re-applies for a scholarship, a completed new application must be submitted.

**Disbursement of Funds:** The winning applicant (recipient) will receive an award letter, certificate, **and a check for \$1,000 at the club's annual lunch in June**. Upon notification, the winner must email Official Transcript(s) prior to disbursement of funds and within 30 calendar days of notification. The winner will be invited to our annual June End of the Year Lunch so that we may present a certificate and check. The Scholarship Committee Chairman will notify all applicants (winning and non-winning) in writing of the committee's decisions by June 1. Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, or other school related expenses. The awarded funds must be used within 12 months of receipt. If the winner does not attend a college in the school year following the award presentation, the \$1,000 must be returned to RBGC.

**Deadline:** The complete Application Package including Application Form, all copies of transcripts, the applicant's letter, and resume must be emailed to the Roseville Better Garden Club's Scholarship Committee (listed below) **no later than May 1, 2026**. Letters of recommendation must be emailed directly from the author by May 1, 2026. No late application materials or documents will be considered.

RBGC Scholarship Program Committee

**Barbara Patman, Chairperson**

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Phone: 209-814-9558

**Roseville Better Gardens Club**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM: DUE MAY 1, 2026**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(Middle Initial)

Home Address (permanent) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ College Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: High School: Senior \_\_\_\_\_ College/University: Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Soph \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

School Name & City \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted to: Name & City/State of College/University \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment: Name & City/State of College/University \_\_\_\_\_

College Department Enrolled In: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of units completed in Major \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges/Universities Previously Attended & Dates \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate from college? \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Career/Occupation Objective after Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:**

**Application Package:** This Application Form (above) and the following requested materials **MUST be emailed to [bpatman@att.net](mailto:bpatman@att.net) by the due date, May 1, 2026:**

**Student's Letter:** Describe your interests, discuss horticulture or related degree pursuit, career goals, financial need, and how these funds will be used, if awarded (no more than two (2) pages).

**Academic Record:** HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: A copy of your high school transcript is required.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: A copy of all transcripts from all colleges/universities is required.

NOTE: Official transcripts will be required of scholarship winners, prior to disbursement of funds.

**Resume:** Include a list of honors, extracurricular activities, and work experience.

**Recommendations:** Two letters of recommendation describing character, initiative, work ethic, and general attitude are required and must be emailed directly by the author to [bpatman@att.net](mailto:bpatman@att.net).

**PHOTO RELEASE:** If I am a scholarship winner, the Roseville Better Gardens Club has my permission to use my photograph publicly to promote the Roseville Better Gardens Club. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use. My submission of this application and signature on the student letter serves as my permission.

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Applicant's Name

Date

**Applicant's Signature for Information Release and Statement:** I authorize the release of the following information for review by all members of the Scholarship Committee: Application Form, Transcript of Academic Records, Applicant's Letter, and List of Activities. I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. **This information will be confidential.**

**DEADLINE:** Email this form with all other required items by May 1, 2026 to: [bpatman@att.net](mailto:bpatman@att.net). Any application materials/documents emailed after May 1, 2026 will NOT be accepted.

**Barbara Patman, Chairperson, RBGC Scholarship Committee**