

INVERNESS GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Inverness Garden Club Scholarship Fund (IGCSF) is a standing committee of the Inverness Garden Club (IGC), a non-profit public benefit corporation organized for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3). The purpose of the IGCSF is to award scholarships to students living in coastal West Marin by engaging in fundraising activities in cooperation with the Inverness Garden Club, and by establishing and applying eligibility standards for scholarship applicants.

History and Background:

The IGC was founded in 1934 by nineteen women who shared a general interest in gardening. The IGC's Scholarship Fund was formed in 1960. In the following year, 1961-62, it awarded one \$500 scholarship. Today, IGC's 160 members are people of all ages and both genders who learn about and appreciate gardening. It is the mission of the IGC to work together to protect and preserve native plants and habitats, promote the beautification of our community, and provide college scholarships to qualified coastal West Marin students.

The members of the IGC believe individuals are enriched when they are exposed to the diversity of information, opinions and people which a college experience offers. Follow-up data on past IGCSF scholars who have graduated from college indicates that higher education offers wider career choices, enriches scholars' lives and encourages them to be informed and active citizens.

As members of the IGCSF, we are committed to serving our community by providing financial assistance to qualified residents of coastal West Marin who seek a college education. To do so, we work year-round to raise funds for our scholars by making and selling home-made jams and other culinary offerings at the Holiday Crafts Fair, organizing and running the flea market at the Inverness Fair, applying for grants and soliciting members and friends. Today, the IGCSF annually awards ~\$80,000 to deserving students with financial need from coastal West Marin.

Awards:

In 2010, the following scholarship levels are available:

- *College Scholarships: Horticultural Scholarship—\$5,000.
- *Outstanding Named Scholar \$4,000. & up
- *College or University and Named Scholars \$3,000.-\$3,500. minimum
- *Junior College –full time (12-15 units) \$2,000. minimum
- *Junior College-part time (9 –11 units) \$1,500. minimum

We hope and trust that our 2010-2011 scholars will open their minds and commit their efforts to make the most of their upcoming college experience.

Inverness Garden Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 724, Inverness, CA 94937
website: www.invernessgardens.org/scholarship
email: scholars@invernessgardens.org

INVERNESS GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Scholarship Application for school year 2010-2011

This form **MUST** be completed by the applying student. This form and the required documentation **must be postmarked by MARCH 31** and sent in a complete packet to:

**IGC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
P. O. BOX 724
INVERNESS, CA 94937**

Note: A Postmark on this application after March 31 decreases the chance of being awarded a scholarship and, if awarded, reduces the amount of that scholarship.

Before mailing, please be sure all questions are answered in the following Sections:

- ___ **A. Personal Data**
 - ___ **B. Short Essays (3) (on separate sheets of paper)**
 - ___ **C. Letters of Recommendation (3) postmarked by 3/31**
 - ___ **D. Financial Information of Parent(s)**
- include:** ___ **1. Official copy of your high school transcript with cumulative GPA**
- ___ **2. Photograph of yourself, 2" x 3"**

A. Personal Information:

Name:	Birthdate:	Sex : M F
Home Mailing Address:	City/zip:	
Home Street Address:	City/Zip:	
Home Telephone:	Cell Phone:	
How Long a resident of coastal West Marin:	Home Email address:	

-Educational Information:

High School:	Graduation Date:		
GPA:	SAT Math:	SAT Verbal:	SAT Writing:
ACT Total Score:	SAT Total:		

-Extracurricular, Volunteer, Leadership & Community Activities

listed in order of descending significance:

Activity Codes:

A. School, Family/
Community Activities

B. Volunteer Service

C. Work for Pay

Act Code	Activity Title:	Dates: From-To	Time Hours: wk / Mo	Spent Total Hours	Responsibility/Accomplishments:

-Employment History: In column 1, indicate whether the job was during the Summer (S) or School Year (SY).

S / SY	Job:	Employer:	Earnings:	Amt saved:
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
			\$	\$

Please provide information on any special honors you have received: _____

2. Schools to which you have applied: _____ Check if accepted _____ Check if plan to attend: _____
 First Choice: _____
 2nd Choice: _____
 3rd Choice: _____
 4th Choice: _____

3. What course of study/major do you plan to follow: _____
 4. What degree/certificate do you expect to receive: _____ When: _____

B. Short Essays:

Please submit three (3) essays of 800 words or less as described below:

- Outline your objectives, skills, and accomplishments as they relate to your anticipated college major. Include your strengths and weaknesses.
- Describe an example of leadership or initiative you demonstrated in your school, community or within your family.
- Name someone who has been a role model in your life or someone you greatly admire and tell us why.

C. Letters of Recommendation:

Ask teachers, employers, counselors, community service leaders familiar with your achievements/abilities to complete the forms (sample attached). Three (3) Letters of Reference **must be postmarked by March 31.**

D. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Δ Estimated Financial Need of Applicant:

1. List estimated cost for the following expenses:

Tuition: \$ _____
 Fees & Books: \$ _____
 Housing: \$ _____ Home: ___ On Campus: ___ Off Campus: ___
 Transportation: \$ _____

→ **Total Anticipated \$ amount needed for the school year:** \$ _____

2. a) List the financial programs from which you expect support: (ex: Cal grant, Pell Grant, Work-Study, SEOG, Stafford or Perkins Loan, Doyle, Other)

Source: _____ \$ _____
 Source: _____ \$ _____
 Source: _____ \$ _____
 Source: _____ \$ _____
 Source: _____ \$ _____
 Source: _____ \$ _____

2. b) List funds you will receive from any other sources:

Parents/ grandparents \$ _____
 Employment \$ _____
 Savings \$ _____
 Trusts \$ _____
 Other \$ _____

→ **Total Anticipated Financial Support (2a + 2 b)** \$ _____

3. Subtract 'Total Anticipated Financial Support' from 'Total Anticipated \$ Amount Needed':

→ **Net Financial Need** \$ _____

We realize, in some cases, you cannot know final dollar amounts. Please provide your best estimate.

Δ Financial Background—Parents:

Father's Name:	Mother's Name:
Father's Occupation:	Mother's Occupation:
Marital Status:	Number of People in Household:
Step-parent's Name:	Step-parent's Occupation:
Number of siblings: Age of Siblings:	Number of Siblings in College:
Adjusted Gross Income for both parents if filing joint return: (last line on pg 1 of form 1040 or line 4 on form 1040EZ)	Adjusted Gross Income for Father if not filing a return with the mother:
Adjusted Gross Income for Mother if not filing return with Father:	Adjusted Gross Income for Step-Parent <i>if applicable:</i>
Untaxed Income e.g., SI benefits, Child support, AFDC benefit:	

Δ Expenses last year (2009) -Parents:

Annual Mortgage or Annual Rent: \$	Annual Medical/Dental Expenses:
	\$
Costs of other Children in college or private school (minus outside support):	2. \$
1. \$	3. \$
Child Support or Alimony to another:	Other Major Expenses:
\$	\$
Other Major Expenses not already listed:	2. \$
1. \$	3. \$

***For each parent a copy of Form 1040 (pg 1-2) (& Schedules A thru F IF any amounts are shown on any of these schedules) or Form 1040 E-Z, plus Schedule C for self-employed) or Schedule F (for farm) as filed with the IRS must accompany this application. (For each parent, if applicable. Only 1 return is needed if both parents file a joint return.)** *To protect your privacy, black out your social security #.* If your current year's tax forms are not completed in time to submit with this application and instead you submit the prior year's tax form, please indicate and explain if there is an appreciable difference between the tax information from the prior year to the current year. _____

-Please provide any additional information that you believe would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in assessing your personal or financial need. _____

Signature of person completing Sections D 3 and 4 above: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Inverness Garden Club Scholarship Fund (IGCSF)

Guidelines for Reference Letters

Student' s Name: _____

(to the student: please ask individuals with whom you have worked e.g., teacher, counselor, employer, community service leader etc)

For the letter writer: Please evaluate the above named student's college potential, personal attributes, work ethic, general ability, and worthiness for an IGCSF scholarship. The student's application will also contain a list of extracurricular activities and grades. Please sign, indicate your relationship to the applicant, date and attach this form. A separate sheet of paper with letterhead may be used instead of this form. We thank you for your assistance in our selection process.

Some areas to consider in your comments include:

- *Communication skills: (ability to express verbally, and in writing, ability to be assertive, listening skills)
- *Leadership Qualities: (organization skills, ability to motivate others, innovativeness, judgment, flexibility)
- *Responsibility and Maturity: (dependability, consistency)
- *Personal Skills and Traits: (honesty, patience, sensitivity to others, level of commitment)
- *Additional Comments:

Signature _____

Date: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

**Return to: Inverness Garden Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 724, Inverness, CA 94937
DEADLINE—POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31, 2010**

Certification of Accuracy of Information Provided

I, _____, by signing this document certify that the information supplied by me and/or my parents/guardians in this application is true and accurate.

Materials Release

I hereby authorize the Inverness Garden Club Scholarship Fund (IGCSF) Committee to use, reproduce, and/or publish written materials (essays) in whole or in part and/or visual materials (photographs) submitted by me. I understand that these materials may be used in its newsletter, public affairs releases, website, or for other related endeavors deemed appropriate to promote/publicize scholarship opportunities offered by the IGCSF. The authorization is continuous and only may be withdrawn by my specific rescission of this authorization. I agree that all decisions of the IGCSF Committee are final and I agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Inverness Garden Club and the Scholarship Fund Committee and their respective representatives from any and all claims or damages arising out of, in any way, my participation in this program.

Privacy Policy: The Inverness Garden Club and/or the IGCSF will not give, share, sell or provide access to your personal information and will carefully protect your data from misuse. All personal financial information will remain confidential.

Signature

Date