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## 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The GWA Foundation, the non-profit foundation of GWA: The Association for Garden Communicators, has committed funding to provide financial assistance to deserving students for the **SPRING TERM 2016**.

### Community Colleges & Technical Schools (Freshmen through Senior)

The GWA Foundation Kathleen Fisher Memorial Scholarship is made in recognition of Kathleen Fisher who was the editor of *The American Gardener*, the journal of the American Horticultural Society. It is given annually in the amount of \$500 to any full-time or part-time post-secondary student, including technical schools and community colleges, majoring in Horticulture, Plant Science or Journalism, with an interest in garden communications.

### Colleges & Universities (Juniors & Seniors)

GWA Foundation general scholarship grants are provided for college-level juniors or seniors enrolled as a full-time student majoring in Horticulture, Plant Science or Journalism, with an interest in garden communication, including garden photography. General scholarships are given annually and vary in number (2-6) and amount (\$250-\$2,000) depending on the earnings of the scholarship endowment. It is beneficial for Horticulture or Plant Science majors to have taken courses in Journalism and vice-versa, although exceptions will be made.

Judging will be weighed heavily upon samples of writing. Papers published in the last two years are preferred. Unpublished papers may be submitted.

- **Separate applications must be submitted for each student. This form may be photocopied.**
- **A minimum of two writing or photography samples per student must be submitted.**
- **A supporting letter from the applicant's academic advisor, major professor or department head must be submitted.**
- **An official transcript of the applicant's academic record must be included with this application.**

Applications must be submitted, **postmarked no later than December 20, 2016**, to:

GWA Foundation Scholarship Chair  
355 Lexington Ave, FL 15  
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An electronic copy of the scholarship application and criteria are available at  
[www.gardenwriters.org/scholarships](http://www.gardenwriters.org/scholarships).

For questions, please contact Ashley Hodak Sullivan, GWA Foundation Executive Director at  
[asullivan@kellencompany.com](mailto:asullivan@kellencompany.com) or 212.297.2198.



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## 2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

### GWA Foundation Mission

To encourage students who major in Horticulture, Plant Science or Journalism to develop their skills with further education toward a career in home garden media communications. Annual scholarship awards are intended as a tuition aid or as an aid in the purchase of textbooks, garden books, and special horticultural projects to further a student's horticultural journalism skills or their garden photographic skills.

### Scholarship Categories

#### Kathleen Fisher Memorial Scholarship (Freshmen through Senior)

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#### General Scholarship Grants (Juniors & Seniors)

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### Guidelines

- We urge department heads to encourage qualified applicants to apply for this scholarship.
- Each application must be accompanied by a **supporting letter** from the student's major professor or department head, and an **official transcript** of the student's academic record.
- There shall be no preference with regard to sex, religion, race, national origin, marital status, age or political affiliation. All individuals will be judged solely on the basis of their qualifications and their writing or photographic skills.
- The institution receiving the grant assumes the responsibility for compliance by the recipient with the requirements of the scholarship.
- The scholarship grant will be forwarded to the scholarship supervising authority of the institution for presentation to the student or students at an appropriate time and place. The GWA Foundation will not grant monies directly to students.
- The GWA Foundation requires a written report from the scholarship recipient regarding the use of the grant.
- The GWA Foundation reserves the right not to award a scholarship(s) in the event no qualified entries are received.



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## Criteria for Selection

- The recipient of the GWA Foundation Kathleen Fisher Memorial Scholarship shall be any full- or part-time post-secondary student, including technical schools and community colleges, majoring in Horticulture, Plant Science or Journalism, with an interest in garden communications.
- General scholarship recipient(s) shall be a college or university junior or senior enrolled in the Spring Term 2017 as a full-time student majoring in Horticulture, Plant Science or Journalism, with an interest in garden communication, including garden photography.
- Applicants must submit a minimum of two written compositions or photographs. Published works are preferred.
- The recipient must plan to complete undergraduate studies in the institution administering the GWA Foundation scholarship.
- The recipient must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- The recipient must be a responsible student and citizen. Recipient must be or have been involved in campus student activities and/or community organizations.



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## SPRING 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Submission Deadline: December 20, 2016

GWAF General Scholarship (Juniors/Seniors only)    Kathleen Fisher Memorial Scholarship (all students)

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

College/University Attending (Spring Term 2017) \_\_\_\_\_

Class:  Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior   Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_   Cum. GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Major (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Essay

In a separate document, please answer questions 1-4 below. Please attach document to this form.

1. Describe the horticulture or journalism experience you have had in college and/or prior to attending college.
2. In what horticulture-related activities have you participated?
3. What are your career goals after graduation?
4. To what use will you put the scholarship monies?

Each application must be accompanied by a **supporting letter** from the student's academic advisor, major professor or department head, and an **official transcript** of the student's academic record.

Applicants must submit samples of their work. **Please submit a minimum of two written compositions or photographs.** Published works are preferred.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head/  
Major Professor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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