

Georgian Bay Garden Club

THE GEORGIAN BAY GARDEN CLUB BURSARY APPLICATION PACKAGE **2026**

The Georgian Bay Garden Club (GBGC) offers a variable number of bursaries to students who wish to pursue a career in **Horticulture, Landscape Design, Floral Design, Environmental Studies and Sciences or other fields of study related to the protection of the environment.**

This 2026 bursary is open to all students requiring financial assistance who **are** graduating or **have** graduated from secondary school within the jurisdictions of the **Bluewater District School Board** the **Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board**, or the **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence Owen Sound** (see Terms of Reference on page 2 for specifics).

Bruce Peninsula District School
Georgian Bay Community School
Grey Highlands Secondary School
John Diefenbaker Senior School
Kincardine District Senior School
Peninsula Shores District School

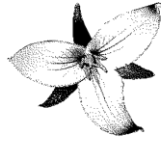
Sacred Heart High School
Saugeen District Senior School
St. Mary's High School
Walkerton District Community School
Owen Sound District Secondary School
Ecole St Dominique-Savio

Upon receipt of acceptance into one of the approved programs of study, the applicant is asked to mail the following **4 items**:

1. Application form and Financial Summary with Consent form
2. Letter of application
3. Acceptance proof from the post-secondary institution
4. Reference letters from school, volunteering, or employment would be of benefit to the applicant

All applications will be sent by postal mail to:

The Georgian Bay Garden Club
C/O Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
Attn: Bursary Committee
#237897 Inglis Falls Road, RR#4 Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 5N6



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Only applications postmarked on or before the application deadline will be considered. Questions can be directed to **Shannon Weitendorf: shannonweitendorf@outlook.com**

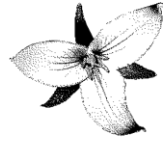
Bursary Amount - \$1,500.00

Application Deadline – June 30, 2026

Announcement of Winner – August 15, 2026

TERMS OF REFERENCE GEORGIAN BAY GARDEN CLUB BURSARY

1. The award is called a bursary, rather than a scholarship, thus indicating financial need.
2. The Georgian Bay Garden Club will annually award a variable number of bursaries.
3. The award is open to students graduating from secondary school and pursuing studies in **Horticulture, Landscape Design, Floral Design, Environmental Studies and Sciences or other fields of study related to the protection of the environment.**
4.
 - a) Students graduating or graduated from all secondary schools in the Bluewater District School Board, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, and Conseil scolaire catholique Providence Owen Sound are eligible to apply for the bursaries.
 - b) A student who has previously graduated from one of the secondary schools in the above school boards and who is already pursuing studies in advanced years of one of the above programs may apply to the Bursary Committee for financial assistance.
 - c) A student who has received a Club Bursary may apply for a second year of support, provided that they continue in a supported course of study and maintains satisfactory marks. The maximum bursary support for any one student shall be two years.
5. Applications for the bursary must be postmarked by **June 30, 2026.**
6. The final decision in the selection of recipients rests with the Georgian Bay Garden Club's Bursary Committee. The successful candidate(s) will be notified.



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7. The cheque is mailed to the recipient, usually by mid-September, after we receive verification of enrolment and attendance at the college/university, verified by copy of Student ID or a letter from the Bursar's Office. The recipient will also need to agree to a media release before the cheque is mailed.
8. Any bursary recipient dropping out of their program before the end of the first semester is required to refund the total amount of the bursary to the Georgian Bay Garden Club.
9. The recipient of the bursary will agree to allow the GBGC to promote the recipient through local media outlets via a press release and on the club website and social media. The Recipient will provide the GBGC with a biography paragraph and photo for this purpose on or before **September 30, 2026**.
10. The recipient will be invited to speak to the GBGC in an informal 15 min presentation in person or via zoom. Topic of presentation will be an update on recipient's program of study and will be scheduled based on recipient and GBGC availability. (This has usually happened in our January or February monthly meeting.)

APPLICATION FORM

Georgian Bay Garden Club Bursary

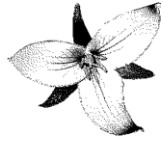
Personal Information: Please print clearly or type

- Applicant's Surname:
- First Name(s):
- Birth Date:

Contact Information:

- Street Address:
- City /Town:
- Postal Code:
- Email Address:
- Phone #:

Current Secondary School:



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Applicants applying under 4 (b) of the Terms of Reference, please supply fully your past educational history:

Career you wish to pursue:

Proposed future studies and goals:

- College or university:
- Program:
- Date you expect to begin:
- Experience/interests related to Horticulture, Landscape Design, Floral Design, Environmental Studies and Sciences or protection of the environment:

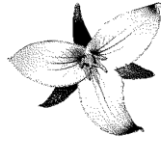
Letter of Application

In addition to this Application form and the Financial Summary with Consent form, the applicant **MUST** also attach a **letter stating why they should be a candidate for this bursary & how this bursary could help to achieve their goals**. Reference letters from employers, counsellors, or teachers are important and encouraged.

Signature _____

Date _____

Any questions may be addressed directly to **Shannon Weitendorf**
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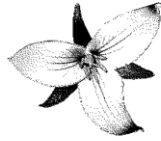
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND CONSENT FORM
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STUDENT ONE-YEAR STUDY BUDGET

EXPENSE ITEMS	\$	INCOME/RESOURCES	\$
TUITION FEES		SAVINGS BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL	
BOOKS/SUPPLIES		PARENTAL/SPOUSAL ASSISTANCE	
RENT – 1 YR. UTILITIES/MONTH x 12		OTHER AWARD, SCHOLARSHIP OR BURSARY	
FOOD/SUPPLIES (APPROXIMATE)		OSAP/GOVERNMENT STUDENT LOAN	
PERSONAL ITEMS (APPROXIMATE)		PART-TIME JOB: - EARNINGS/WEEK x TOTAL WEEKS - SCHOOL-RELATED WORK - OFF-CAMPUS WORK	
TRANSPORTATION - LOCAL - HOME		GOVERNMENT INCOMES: - ORPHAN'S BENEFIT - DISABILITY BENEFIT - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - PENSION INCOME - OTHER – please specify	
UNUSUAL EXPENSES - MEDICAL - DENTAL - OTHER			
TOTAL EXPENSES:		TOTAL INCOME:	

TOTAL INCOME LESS TOTAL EXPENSES =

I, _____ (name) consent to submitting the above information for the sole purpose of the bursary application with the understanding that it will be collected and kept locked and secure in personal files, under the terms and conditions of the Freedom of Information & Personal Privacy Act. I understand that this information will be used solely for evaluation purposes for the bursary and then destroyed by shredding one year to the date of



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deadline. The successful bursary recipient(s) will be notified of this award and the recipient's name, program of study and school may be published in the Georgian Bay Garden Club's communications, general meeting minutes, and website.

Student's signature _____

Date of signature _____