



As a civic partner in San Clemente since 1951, the San Clemente Garden Club has seen firsthand what can be accomplished when we work together as a community and support our youth as future stewards of the environment and community leaders.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:

To further invest in San Clemente's youth, the San Clemente Garden Club is offering scholarships for local graduating high school seniors and/or continuing college students attending an accredited 2- or 4- year college or university. The deadline for the application is February 23, 2024. The winner will be notified in April 2024 and will be honored during his/her high school or college awards ceremony and the SCGC's Installation & Scholarship Award Luncheon, if applicable.

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The San Clemente Garden Club offers financial aid to college-bound and continuing college students investing in promising futures relevant to horticulture, botany, environmental issues, and conservation by promoting study in the areas of: Agriculture, Agronomy, Biological Sciences (excluding pre-med), Botany, Conservation Biology, Ecology, Entomology, Environmental Science, Environmental Education, Floriculture, Forestry, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, Plant Biology, Plant Sciences, Viticulture, and Wildlife or Marine Science and related studies.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Local high school senior in good standing with an academic GPA (weighted) of 3.0 or more, or continuing college or university student in good standing with a minimum cumulative college GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Preference may be given to current San Clemente high school students, Saddleback College students, and applicants who reside in San Clemente.
2. Planning to emphasize in one of the study areas listed above,
3. Enrollment in a local high school or an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university for fall 2024 and/ or spring 2025. Four-year college students must be enrolled in 9 units per semester or quarter.
4. US citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States; international or foreign exchange students are not eligible.
5. Demonstrated interest in making their community better through volunteer service, preferably in organizations addressing environmental concerns, and
6. Completion and submission of all required application materials and signatures by the deadline: February 23, 2024. Attach transcript, letter(s), typed and printed essay, financial aid form or FAFSA application, and SIGNED application form.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed SCGC application with required signatures,
2. Current unofficial academic transcript with 7th semester or fall grades, if applicable, or transcript from the appropriate accredited college or university.
3. One or two letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or community member unrelated to applicant (limited to one typed page each),
4. Essay (400-600 words—typed, all words counted, see additional information on essay),
5. Financial aid form available on the San Clemente Garden Club website or FAFSA application, and
6. Mail completed application to: San Clemente Garden Club, c/o Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 3891, San Clemente, CA 92674-3891 (postmarked by February 23, 2024). Saddleback College students MUST submit application through Saddleback College.



REQUIRED ESSAY (400-600 words)

Describe your educational plans and how your academic and extracurricular experiences have prepared you for your future? Where do you see yourself with regard to your career goals following your education? What person and/or event in your life influenced you in this direction? Include with your submission of the completed application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Year) _____ Female _____ Male _____ Marital Status _____

Mailing Address: _____

School Address: _____

High School Name/Graduated from _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Text: Yes or No

Applicant lives with: _____ Mother & Father _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Guardian _____ Live Independent

If living independent of your parent(s)/guardian, skip to Academic Record section.

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation/Company Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation/Company Name: _____

ACADEMIC RECORD

GPA (weighted): _____ Decile Rank: _____

SAT Scores: _____ ACT Scores: _____

AP/IB Tests Completed/Scores: _____

Intended or Current Major or Study Area: _____

College Goal: _____



College(s) applied to or enrolled in for fall and spring 2024-2025:	Status:	Accepted	Pending
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

If currently attending college, list name of college(s) and # of units completed at time of application
_____ Completed units _____

HONORS & AWARDS

Honor/Award Name Year

1. _____	_____
Brief Description _____	_____
2. _____	_____
Brief Description _____	_____
3. _____	_____
Brief Description _____	_____
4. _____	_____
Brief Description _____	_____

EXTRACURRICULAR (ATHLETICS/CLUBS/LEADERSHIP)

Activity/Organization	Year(s)	Position(s) Held/Responsibilities
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____



**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
(VOLUNTEER SERVICE)**

Activity/Organization Year(s) Total Hours

1. _____

Brief Description of Involvement _____

2. _____

Brief Description of Involvement _____

3. _____

Brief Description of Involvement _____

4. _____

Brief Description of Involvement _____

EMPLOYMENT

Job Title/Position

Date(s) of Employment

Employer/Company Name

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



SIGNATURES

The student and parent/guardian signing this scholarship application attest to the accuracy of the information provided as well the required attachments.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If immediate line above is applicable)

The SCHS scholarship recipient will be notified in April 2024 and recognized during his/her Senior Awards Ceremony at SCHS or college award ceremony and the SCGC Installation & Scholarship Award Luncheon, if applicable. The scholarship check will be forwarded by SCGC to the Financial Aid or Foundation office for the college or university that the student will enter for Fall 2024. For check disbursement, the recipient is required to email to the SCGC the following: name and address of the college or university attending and the student's permanent student identification number. Email required information to: Patricia Corless at patriciacorless@aol.com no later than June 15, 2024.