

Visit your guidance counselors  
and pick up an application  
packet or download it at  
<http://www.fggardenclub.com>.

Feel free to contact the  
Scholarship Committee with  
questions or concerns.

**Deadline: March 25, 2026**

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**The Fairfield Glade  
Garden Club**

*“Come Grow With Us”*

## The Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund



**What's your major?**

- Horticulture
- Agriculture
- Natural Resources
- Environmental Studies
- Wildlife
- Forestry

**See more examples inside!**

# We're Here to Help



The Fairfield Glade Garden Club was formed to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening, including garden study, horticulture, landscaping design, garden therapy, and environmental concerns.

It was in 1992 that the Club membership voted to start a scholarship program in the founder's honor. Thus, the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund was established. The scholarships assist college and technical students interested in agriculture, natural resources and horticulture related degrees with special consideration given to those interested in working to solve the world's food web problems.

## Eligibility

**Student must be a graduating senior from a Cumberland County High School and have been accepted by a college or university for the upcoming year. Examples of qualifying degrees include:**

*Agriculture & Resource Economics*

*Animal Science*

*Ecology & Evolutionary Biology*

*Plant Biochemistry*

*Cellular/Molecular Biology*

*Agricultural Equipment Systems Management*

*Entomology and Plant Pathology*

*Forestry*

*Wildland Recreation*

*Wildlife & Fisheries Management*

## Criteria

Selection Process uses the following criteria:

- 1) Intended Field of Study
- 2) Grade Point Average 3.0 or higher
- 3) Extracurricular Activities & Two References
- 4) Letter of Introduction by student
- 5) Recent Transcript
- 6) Personal Interview with Garden Club Scholarship Committee

## Scholarship Awards

Scholarship amounts vary from year to year, dependent on the number of recipients and funds raised. **Students are eligible for additional financial assistance for subsequent school years provided they re-apply and continue in an appropriate field of study.**

Fairfield Glade Garden Club works with the Cumberland County High School Horticulture Program by holding annual plant sales of geraniums and ferns in late Spring and poinsettias in early December. The proceeds of these sales are contributed to The Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund.

## Timeline

Complete the application with all required paperwork and return to guidance office by **March 25, 2026.**

Interviews by the Garden Club Scholarship Committee will be the **first week of April** to be held at the school.

A Scholarship Brunch will be held **May 20, 2026** to honor recipients. **Recipients must attend the Brunch to receive the scholarship.**