

**The Longboat Key Garden Club** offers scholarships to recognize academic achievement and aid eligible sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students who are currently enrolled at a Florida accredited college or university.

Eligible students who are pursuing a degree in natural or marine sciences are encouraged to apply. Fields of study may include, but are not limited to Botany, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, Marine Biology, Coastal Wetlands Preservation, Ecology, Pollinator Research and Photography.

Historically three or four scholarships have been awarded in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000. By awarding these scholarships, we hope to enhance the college experience for a well-qualified, hard-working student and to inspire him or her to pursue their dreams in their specialized field of study.

**To be eligible for the Scholarship the student shall:**

1. Be a citizen of the United States and a bona fide resident of the state of Florida for at least two years preceding the academic year for which application is made.
2. Have declared a major in the study of horticulture, botany, landscape design, environmental science, marine science or any other natural science subject.
3. Have finished at least 12 credit hours at an accredited Florida institution.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation from staff members in the field of study.
5. Submit a resume of extracurricular activities, honors, leadership, job experience, non-school activities and community service.
6. Submit a statement explaining your interest in earning a degree in a natural science field and your future plans.
7. Have maintained a 3.0 GPA or above grade average.
8. Provide transcripts.
9. Be available for a personal interview if requested.

Submit application no later than March 15, 2026 via e-mail to:

**[scholarships@lbkgardenclub.org](mailto:scholarships@lbkgardenclub.org).**

Scholarships will be awarded to the recipients at the Longboat Key Garden Club Annual Meeting, held on the last Friday in April. Scholarship recipients may reapply if they continue to meet the criteria for the award. Award recipients (at a future agreed upon date) will be invited to share their learning experiences from the scholarship with LBKGC members.

All applicants will be notified by e-mail no later than April 20, 2026.

**Scholarship Application**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

First/Middle/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email address where you can be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

US Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_

Current or most recent employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

**2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

College of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in college during the coming academic year \_\_\_\_\_

Credit hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_ In Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Needed to Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree to be received: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct. I understand that I must be a full-time student enrolled in at least 12 credit hours at an accredited Florida college or university and maintain a 3.0 GPA

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following attachments with the application:

1. Two letters of recommendation from staff members in your field of study.
2. Resume of extracurricular activities, honors, leadership, job experience, non-school activities and community service.
3. A statement explaining your interest in the natural sciences and your future plans.
4. Transcripts (Need not be official or stamped)

Incomplete applications will not be accepted