

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE/GCA HULL AWARD

The Scholarship Committee identifies and recommends qualified individuals to the Executive Committee for the GCA scholarship (Hull) award.

HULL AWARD

The Garden Club of America, as part of Its Scholarship program, offers an award to an individual who provides outstanding education for our youth. The Elizabeth Abernathy Hull fund for Early Environmental Education was established “to recognize an individual who, thorough working with children under 16 years of age in horticulture and the environment, has inspired their appreciation of the beauty and fragility of our planet.

Both GCA and non-GCA members are eligible and may be proposed. (individuals may not propose themselves.) The award is administered by the GCA Scholarship Committee, which screens candidates and selects the award recipients(s). Since its creation, the amount of the award has been \$1,000, and has been presented annually to one or more persons.

For the Hull Award:

- Information and forms regarding the Hull Award are on the GCA website. The deadline for filing forms is February 1. The schedule is hard to predict as it depends on the number of candidates. Club members are to be encouraged to suggest candidates.

SCHOLARSHIP/URBAN AGRICULTURE

Additionally, the committee has broadened its focus to include searching for gardens and farmers in the City deserving of a Weeders Scholarship.

Scholarships are only awarded when deserving recipients have been identified and approved.

Money may be awarded to a permanent community garden for a specific project that will increase its productivity and efficiency, or to an individual farmer to use as he/she wishes.

The amount of an award depends on the availability of funds, donated or budgeted for the purpose.

Responsibilities and Timeline:

- One meeting is held in the fall and one in the spring that might also be a visit to nominees.
- Depending on the nominees, arrange other visits.

- Funding for club awardees must be coordinated with the Finance and Executive Committees being mindful that the budget is approved in September so needs must be submitted well before that time.
- Club scholarship contributions by members are tracked as restricted funds.
- Photos of candidates, awardees, gardens etc. should be forwarded to the Website Administrator to be added to the website.
- At the end of each program year the Chair is responsible for preparing a year-end report of the activities of the committee to be presented at the Annual Meeting. This should be provided to both the President and the Recording Secretary 1) electronically in advance of the meeting and 2) brought to the meeting as a hard copy. A hard copy should be handed or sent to the Archivist/Historian. Confer with the Archivist/Historian about providing her with hard copies of other materials to be archived.
- After the Annual Meeting each year and before July 1, the Chair should confirm with all those listed on her committee to be sure they want to remain active. She should take this opportunity to add to the committee as appropriate. The list of committee members, as it is to be printed in the Program Book, should be forwarded by the Chair to the President, who will approve it and forward it to Print and Publications.