GGIA Scholarship Guidelines
The Bill Inabinet Scholarship

Purpose
The Georgia Green Industry Association Scholarship Fund exists to serve and support the students who aspire to be future leaders in our industry. The financial aid given is one way we can invest in their efforts and thereby invest in the success of ornamental horticulture in Georgia.

Administration
The scholarship program is under the direct supervision of the GGIA Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors of the Georgia Green Industry Association. The Scholarship Committee screens applicants and selects the recipients each fall. The deadline for receiving applications is November 15th of each year. The Committee will notify the recipient by December 15th. As a part of the process, the Committee reserves the right to request a personal interview with any applicant under consideration.

Award Guidelines
1. All applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the green industry or related field of work.
2. All applicants must complete the application form in full along with all required documentation and submit the application packet to GGIA no later than the November 1st deadline.
3. Preferred applicants should have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for undergraduate students or 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 for graduate students.
4. All applicants must be a Georgia resident.
5. All applicants must be currently enrolled in a school that offers either a two year or four year horticulture program; in or out of state.
6. The Bill Inabinet Scholarship is awarded on an annual basis and the application process must be completed each year in order to be considered for any subsequent school term.
7. The Georgia Green Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, reserves the right to make all final decisions in regard to scholarship awards.

Scholarship Disbursements
The GGIA Scholarship Committee will notify the winning recipient of the Bill Inabinet Scholarship after December 15th once the evaluation process is complete. The scholarship amount of $1000 will be presented to the recipients during the GGIA Wintergreen Trade Show, which takes place each year near the end of January. The recipient is expected to attend Wintergreen at the designated time and place in order to be awarded the scholarship check in front of industry peers.

Criteria for Scholarship Award
1. Overall Strength of application (GPA, presentation, clear goals)
2. Leadership and work experience (student activities, civic involvement, summer jobs)
3. Strength of references (comments from teachers and/or employers)
4. Financial need (other scholarships, student job, siblings in college)
Scholarship Application
Please return no later than November 15, 2019

Completed applications and supporting materials can be sent to:
Lanie Riner via email: lanie@ggia.org or mailed to:
Georgia Green Industry Association Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2568 Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Student Name: ___________________________________________________________
(First) ___________________________ (Last) ___________________________ (Middle Initial)

I. Contact Information

Hometown Mailing Address: __________________________________________________
(City) ___________________________ (State) ___________________________ (Zip Code)

School Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________
(City) ___________________________ (State) ___________________________ (Zip Code)

Hometown Phone No.: (_____)_________________________ Cell Phone No.: (_____)_________________________

II. Education Background

High School Graduated From: __________________________________________ Year: ________________
GPA _______ ____________

Secondary School Enrolled in now: __________________________ Major: __________________________
GPA: __________________________

Class standing as of the fall semester: (Check One) Freshman Sophomore
Junior Senior Graduate Student

Expected Career: __________________________________________ Expected Graduation Date: ________________

Other Schools Attended: __________________________________________
GPA: __________________________

Please explain your financial needs for applying for this scholarship:
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### III. Activities:

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Awards/Recognitions- Please specify college or high school.

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V. Supporting Materials

Please include the following with your application

- A Short description of the factors and experiences that have influenced your interest in horticulture. You may also include reasons you feel are deserving of this scholarship. This should be no more than 1-2 brief paragraphs.
- A current copy of your transcript.
- One to three reference letters which include an evaluation of your background, character and qualities.