

## **GARDEN CENTRE ASSOCIATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

The Garden Centre Association Trust is pleased to invite applications for a scholarship to support a student who wishes to gain qualifications and further their career in the garden centre industry by attending a 2 year, full-time National Diploma or Higher National Diploma course in Horticulture at Pershore College.

### **Conditions of the Award**

1. Applicants will initially be nominated by members of the Garden Centre Association and interviewed by staff at Pershore College.
2. The award is only available for a Higher National Diploma or a National Diploma course at Pershore College. The actual course followed will depend on the qualifications of the successful applicant.
3. Preference will be given to a student who would otherwise find it difficult to attend college on financial grounds.
4. The award will cover all course fees and residence/accommodation costs for the duration of the course.
5. The amount awarded will take into account any financial support from other sources.
6. Prospective applicants must be at least 16 years of age. Applications from mature students are also encouraged.
7. Higher National Diploma students in receipt of an award will be expected to undertake a dissertation project, which will benefit the Garden Centre Association or the garden centre industry.

Students on the National Diploma course will be expected to prepare a report on their studies before completing their course.

Copies of these reports will be made available to the Garden Centre Association Trust who may wish to circulate them to members of the Garden Centre Association.

## **Failure to meet the conditions of the award**

1. The award will be allocated in three termly amounts. Failure to progress satisfactorily through any of the three stages will result in withdrawal of further funds.
2. Withdrawal from the course will result in withdrawal of funding. Deferral from the course due to mitigating circumstances will result in suspension of funding, pending satisfactory progress.
2. In all cases of withdrawal or referral the recipient will be expected to notify, in writing, both the Garden Centre Association Trust and Pershore College.

## **How to apply:**

In the first instance, please contact the Garden Centre Association Trust for an application form and prospectus.

Once received, all application forms must be completed and Emailed to the Trust

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# APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel no \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Current employers name and address [if applicable]

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BTEC National Diploma in Horticulture

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Horticulture

*Please tick where applicable*

Year of entry into course \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_

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Work experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Has an application for financial assistance been made for this course, either to a County Council or any other body?

Yes

No

If yes please give details of award made [if known]

Amount of award \_\_\_\_\_

Name of awarding body \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form, along with an accompanying letter to:

The Garden Centre Association Trust  
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