



**FOUNDERS GARDEN CLUB OF SARASOTA, INC.**

## **Mary Beth Goddard Scholarship**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS for COLLEGE STUDENTS**

The Founders Garden Club of Sarasota offers a scholarship in memory of our beloved member, Mary Beth Goddard, who created the Scholarship Fund in 2017. The \$4,000 scholarship is available to any eligible Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student who is 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.

By awarding this \$4,000 scholarship, 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. Have graduated from a high school in the state of Florida.
2. Be majoring in the study of horticulture, botany, landscape design, environmental science, marine science or any other natural science subject.
3. Have finished at least 24 credit hours at an accredited institution.
4. Submit one letter of recommendation.
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.
7. Have maintained a 3.0 GPA or above grade average.
8. Provide transcripts.
9. Provide a recent photograph (at least 2" x 3" or digital photo file (.jpg))
10. Submit application no later than April 18, 2026 to Nancy Fogg-Johnson, 3030 Grand Bay Boulevard, Unit 392, Longboat Key, FL 34228 or email [nefjnfbc@gmail.com](mailto:nefjnfbc@gmail.com)

The Scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at Founders Garden Club May meeting (second Tuesday of the month) and will be given in 2 installments (\$2,000 per semester.) Scholarship recipients may reapply if they continue to meet the criteria for the award. Founders Garden Club will invite the award recipient (at a future agreed upon date) to share their learning experiences from the scholarship with Founders members. All applicants will be notified by e-mail no later than May 2, 2026.