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FLORIDA GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

EDWARD A. RIDOLPH MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP

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Florida Gardens Civic Association awards up to two annual scholarships to graduation high school seniors from Florida Gardens who will be entering college or trade-school for the first time. This has been an annual tradition in the Gardens for over 40 years; totaling well over \$30,000 to some 60+ students.

This scholarship is named for Edward A. Ridolph.

Ed moved to Florida Gardens in June of 1974, and was a longtime member of the Florida Gardens Civic Association. Over the years, he held many positions in the association; however, he was best known for overseeing the management of this scholarship from 1984 until his passing in 2021.

Ed was a loyal and decent man, to whom many looked to for advice. He was passionate about many things, including trolley cars, travel, photography, and especially, education. This enduring passion for education led to many generations of residents earning a scholarship under his guidance, which supported them in their pursuit of higher education.

He always ensured the young adults who earned this scholarship did so by contributing their time to the neighborhood. This scholarship has been one way the community recognizes the hard work and achievements of many of our outstanding students, and it also gives these deserving students a financial boost as they begin their college/trade careers. Over the years some of our recipients have gone on to become teachers, lawyers, architects, medical workers, as well as enjoying success in a variety of fields.

As a community, we are proud of their success and happy we can play a small part in it.

The Association continues to award this scholarship each year to the next generation of young adults in our community who have given their time back to the place they, and Ed, call home.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR FLORIDA GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Applicant must be a graduating High School Senior in the same year in which application is made.
2. Applicant must be a Bona Fide Full-time Resident of Florida Gardens. The Scholarship Coordinator will verify residency upon submission of application.
3. Applicant must complete a MINIMUM of 20 hours of community service to Florida Gardens PRIOR to applying for Scholarship. Applicants shall provide documentation from the event coordinator to verify the volunteer hours were conducted in service to Florida Gardens.
4. The household in which the Applicant resides must have made a contribution to the Florida Gardens Civic Association in both the CURRENT and PRIOR year when application is made. No “catch-up” payments for prior year non-contribution will be accepted.
5. Applicant must enter an accredited college, university, or vocational school as a Full- or Part-time Student within a year from when the scholarship is awarded.

GENERAL TERMS OF FLORIDA GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

1. Each Applicant is eligible for one (1) scholarship.
2. Up to two (2) individual scholarships may be awarded annually by the Florida Gardens Civic Association during each calendar year.
3. All scholarship applications must be received by the Florida Gardens Civic Association by APRIL 15 at 7:00pm. No applications will be accepted after 7:00pm on APRIL 15.
4. The scholarship is provided in a one-time payment. Scholarships are dispersed directly to the school the applicant is attending. Applicant is responsible for providing any necessary information to the Scholarship Coordinator to complete disbursement of funds. Scholarship amounts are determined on an annual basis by the Florida Gardens Civic Association and may vary from year to year depending on available funds.
5. Scholarship winners will be selected prior to the May meeting of the Florida Gardens Civic Association. Scholarship winners shall attend the May or June meeting of the Florida Gardens Civic Association to formally accept the scholarship.
6. Scholarship winners may choose to have their name and picture published in the Florida Gardens Civic Association newsletter.
7. Final determination of scholarship winners is made by the Florida Gardens Civic Association Board of Directors in the event there are more than two (2) applicants.
8. The Florida Gardens Civic Association reserves the right to modify or discontinue the scholarship program at any time if necessary.
9. All decisions by the Florida Gardens Civic Association are final.

FLORIDA GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

HOW LONG IN FLORIDA GARDENS? _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DO YOU WORK? YES ____ NO ____ IF YES: FULL TIME ____ PART TIME ____

EMPLOYER: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTEND: _____

YOUR GPA: _____ CLASS RANK: _____ CLASS SIZE: _____

ACCREDITED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND:

ADDRESS: _____

PROPOSED MAJOR: _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED? YES ____ NO ____ ACCEPTED? YES ____ NO ____

LIST HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACTIVITIES:

WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OUTLINING FUTURE CAREER PLANS:

WHY ARE YOU APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Please attach your unofficial transcript from the high school you are graduating from and two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members with this application.

I UNDERSTAND ALL INFORMATION ON THIS AND ANY ATTACHED FORMS WILL BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE, BUT ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED MAY BE RELEASED TO ANY AND ALL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES FOR EVALUATION IN DETERMINING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION TO RELEASE ANY AND ALL SUCH INFORMATION AS NECESSARY.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE & DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE & DATE