

Redding Garden Club

Annual Scholarship Application





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Dear Students, Teachers, Counselors, and Members of the Redding Community,

We are writing to share an exciting opportunity for senior high school students living in Redding. The Redding Garden Club proudly presents the annual \$2,000 Mary Clinton Scholarship Award. This prestigious scholarship honors the legacy of Mary Clinton, a cherished member of the Redding Garden Club. She served as President, First Vice President, and Horticulture Chairman and passionately shared her knowledge of horticulture and floral design with individuals of all ages.

This year, we are thrilled to broaden the applicant pool to include seniors with interests in environmental sciences, horticulture, floral design, marketing, photography, and/or social media; all of which relates to nature. We kindly ask for your assistance in distributing this information widely among the students and families in your networks. The application is due on April 22nd, 2026 (Earth Day). Attached is the scholarship application and related details.

We thank you for your support and interest in fostering educational opportunities for our students and are enthusiastic to see the positive impact this scholarship will have.

Sincerely,

Redding Garden Club Scholarship Committee
Ann Crocker- Chairperson



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Annual *Mary Clinton* Redding Garden Club Scholarship Application.
The winner will receive \$2,000.

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Current School: _____

Name and Address of College, School, or Program Attending in the Fall:

Course of Study or Major: _____

REQUIREMENTS:

You must be a Redding resident and a senior in public or private high school, or in homeschool. You must be pursuing studies with an environmental focus, such as environmental science, horticulture, floral design, or environmental-related marketing, photography, or social media.

Volunteering Requirement:

Applicants must complete a minimum of 10 volunteer hours supporting environmental-related activities. Volunteer hours must be completed before April 22, 2026.

Some examples are:

- Civic Beautification (Roadside and Container Gardens)
- Weeding and planting at the Pollinator Pathway and the Joel Barlow Pollinator Garden
- Volunteering at Redding Garden Club's Fall Boutique
- Volunteering at Redding Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale
- Volunteering for the Redding Garden Tour
- Volunteering at nature-related organizations in Redding, such as Redding Trails, Highstead Arboretum, and New Pond Farm
- Volunteering at the Redding Parade Path garden
- Offering social media skills to the Redding Garden Club
- Offering marketing skills to the Redding Garden Club
- Create artistic exhibits related to nature

- Participate in Garden Therapy activities
- Create floral arrangements for areas throughout the Redding community

How to Volunteer:

- Go to www.reddinggardenclub.org/volunteer to choose from the list of available volunteer opportunities
- Sign up by contacting Ann Crocker: anncsam@yahoo.com, or text 203-788-413
- Fill out the tracking sheet
- Questions? Contact Ann Crocker: anncsam@yahoo.com, or text 203-788-413

Essay Requirement:

Write an essay of at least 500 words, double-spaced, reflecting on your volunteering experience, what you learned, and how the experience relates to your academic and career goals.

Recommendation Letter:

Submit one recommendation letter from a teacher, guidance counselor, or employer.

Submission Requirements:

Applications must be submitted no later than April 22, 2026 (Earth Day). Email your completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation to the **Redding Garden Club Scholarship chairperson, Ann Crocker:** anncsam@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE:

I affirm that I am the author of the attached essay and that all information provided is true. I also understand that applying and completing 10 volunteer hours does not guarantee a scholarship. Scholarship selection is based on a number of factors and is awarded at the committee's discretion.

Applicant's Signature: _____ *Date* _____

Parent or guardian signature if the student is under 18 years of age:

_____ *Date* _____

For further information, please contact Ann Crocker: 203-788-4133, Anncsam@yahoo.com. Thank you very much for your interest!



Redding Garden Club Scholarship Volunteer Hours Tracking Chart

Due Date: April 22, 2026 (Earth Day). Submit this with the application, essay, and letter of recommendation.

Student Information:

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

School you attend: _____

Volunteer Activity	Location	Date	Hours Completed

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Thank you very much for your interest! We appreciate the time spent in support of our community and beyond.

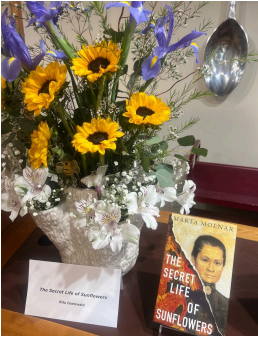


For questions or further information regarding volunteer opportunities, contact Ann Crocker, RGC Scholarship chairperson:





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Thank you very much!



Sample Ideas of Volunteering Opportunities for Redding Garden Club Scholarship:

Volunteer Activity		
<p>"Blooming Books" event at Mark Twain Library</p>	<p>Select a book (fiction or non-fiction) that you have read and create a floral exhibit that depicts elements of the book. Display your creation with the book at the Mark Twain Library's "Blooming Books" event (usually held in March).</p>	
<p>Pollinator Garden at Joel Barlow High School</p>	<p>Assist with weeding, mulching, watering, pruning, planting, etc.</p>	
<p>Civic Beautification sites throughout Redding, including the Parade Path garden on the Town Green</p>	<p>Site managers often need help with weeding, planting, watering, and edging these beautiful gardens.</p>	

Holiday Boutique	Assist in setting up the boutique's merchandise displays and/or help with sales at the event. Held in December, but you can also volunteer to make things to sell.	
Spring Plant Sale	<p>This sale takes place at the beginning of May. We definitely need volunteers to help us with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media to market the event • Digging up and dividing plants from members' gardens. Each year, RGC members contribute perennials, and many need help dividing and potting. 	
Social Media Posts	Create posts and reels promoting Garden Club activities, such as the beautiful work RGC does in town, and putting out the call for volunteers.	
Make arrangements for Town Hall, schools, Heritage Center, Parks and Rec, etc	At various times of the year, we create floral arrangements that are placed on display throughout the community. We invite you to make an arrangement for display!	
2027 Redding Garden Club Tour	We will need volunteers to assist in a number of ways. Tour managers will inform you of our needs.	

Garden Therapy	Participate with Garden Club members in special workshops where we make small floral arrangements that are donated to area hospice patients. You may also consider connecting with local senior citizens offering assistance with their gardens and horticulture.	
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