

**Award #: 64 (b)**

**Award Name: Naperville Garden Club Scholarship**

**Submitted by: Cress Creek Garden Club**

**1. New project:** Yes:  No  A continuing project as funding allows.

**2. Brief summary and objectives of project.**

Our garden club (since it began in 1975) awards scholarships to college bound graduating high school seniors pursuing education in fields such as Landscape Design, Horticulture, Environmental Sciences or related fields. Applicants are directed to go through our website: **cresscreekgardenclub.org** and the deadline for filing is April 1 of every year. Our scholarship chairmen work with all local schools and local community colleges to advertise our opportunity and we do not restrict the recipient to attend in-state universities. This past May, we were able to award **\$5,500.00** in scholarships to six (6) local high school seniors and two of the recipients have received scholarships in past years.

**3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.**

Besides the scholarship committee chairmen and its members, all club members participate in our two fund raising initiatives (our Annual Plant Sale and fall bazaar MIBI – Make It Bake It) to keep the scholarship contribution available every year. All applications are reviewed by committee members to select candidates who meet the criteria.

**4. Project expenses and means of funding.**

The scholarship amount is provided by our club's two fundraisers. Our 2021 Plant Sale was held in May and our upcoming fall fundraiser – Sharing the Joy (formerly MIBI - Make It Bake It) in November.

**5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance.**

It is our club's hope to continue assisting students financially with furthering their education and helping them fulfill their dreams of making our world a more beautiful place.