

DONATIONS TO THE GARDEN CLUBS OF ILLINOIS, INC. 2026-2027

CLUB NAME _____ CLUB CODE # _____

Donations are counted from January 1 - December 15, 2026 for same year club achievement awards.

Descriptions for the below donations can be found on the second page.

Please enclose a copy of this form at the time each donation is made. Minimum donation \$10.

*** Indicates where donations are needed most**

A. GCI Unrestricted Fund* (operating expenses, equipment, etc...)	\$ _____
B. GCI President's Project 2026-2027 "Flourishing to the 100 th Anniversary 2027 - PLANT AMERICA"	\$ _____
C. State Flower Show (held in even numbered years)	\$ _____
D. Scholarship	
a. University Scholarship for Students	\$ _____
E. GCI Schools / Conferences	
a. Conservation Conference (held in even numbered years)	\$ _____
b. Environmental	\$ _____
c. Flower Show	\$ _____
d. Gardening	\$ _____
e. Landscape Design	\$ _____
f. Flower Show Symposium	\$ _____
F. GCI Grants	
a. Blue/Gold Star Memorial Marker*	\$ _____
b. Garden Therapy*	\$ _____
c. Historic Preservation/Restoration	\$ _____
d. NGC Projects	\$ _____
e. Roadside Operations/Wildflowers	\$ _____
f. World Gardening/Natural Disasters	\$ _____
g. Youth Activities*	\$ _____
G. Lincoln Memorial Garden's Landscape Restoration Endowment Fund	\$ _____
<i>Membership in the LMGF should be sent directly to Springfield and should not be included on this form.</i>	
H. Lincoln Memorial Garden's Children's Woodland	\$ _____
I. Central Region Director	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Return form to:

The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.

188 Industrial Drive, Suite 120

Elmhurst, IL 60126-1623

Include **one check** for total amount payable to:

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EXPLANATION OF DONATIONS TO THE GARDEN CLUBS OF ILLINOIS, INC. 2026-2027

Donations sent directly to Lincoln Memorial Garden, local scholarship funds, Nature Conservancy, etc. are not GCI donations. Membership in the Lincoln Memorial Garden Foundation should be sent directly to Springfield and should **not** be included on this form.

GCI PRESIDENT'S PROJECT 2026-2027 – Supports the GCI President's project for her/his 2-year term.

STATE FLOWER SHOW – Donations are continuous to ensure sufficient funds will be available for the State Flower Show.

SCHOLARSHIP – Donations help provide scholarships to students in any horticulture-related field at any accredited Illinois college or university.

GCI SCHOOLS/CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUMS – Donations are used to secure speakers for the GCI schools, conferences, and symposiums. All members may attend these schools, conferences, and symposiums.

GCI GRANTS – All garden clubs are eligible for grants with qualified activities.

BLUE/GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKERS – Donations are used to help clubs defray the cost of installing and maintaining the markers, which honor those who have served in the U.S. Military.

GARDEN THERAPY – Donations are used to initiate and maintain garden therapy programs in institutional settings.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RESTORATION – Donations are used to preserve or restore historic sites.

NGC PROJECTS – Donations are used to support NGC projects. Check the NGC website at **gardenclub.org** for a current listing.

ROADSIDE OPERATIONS AND WILDFLOWERS – Donations are used to help clubs defray the cost of wildflowers and roadside plantings in their communities.

WORLD GARDENING/NATURAL DISASTERS – Donations are used to provide aid for areas devastated by natural disasters.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Donations are used to fund programs for Youth Gardeners.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN'S LANDSCAPE RESTORATION ENDOWMENT FUND – Donations are invested and the interest is used to fund landscape maintenance projects.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN'S CHILDREN'S WOODLAND GARDEN – Donations are used to enhance and expand the children's garden at the Lincoln Memorial Garden.

CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR – It is the duty of GCI to provide some funding for the Director for her/his term.

GCI UNRESTRICTED FUND – Donations are used for office operations, special purchases such as furniture and technical equipment, or as directed by the GCI Board.