

Scholarships

The Portland Garden Club awards scholarships annually to graduate students in Oregon universities who are studying in the fields of botany or horticulture. The PGC works closely with professors from these universities to select qualified students.

Last spring two scholars were selected from Oregon State University's Department of Botany and Plant Pathology: One student's thesis evaluates hybridization between *Castilleja levisecta* and *C. hispida* to benefit Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*) recovery. The other OSU student received a research award to pursue factors that control ecosystems, ranging from old wet forests to steppe, by studying cyanolichens. The third award went to a Portland State graduate student for her dissertation work entitled *Soil Seed Banks in Urban Riparian Forests: Potential for Use in Restoration*.

The PGC maintains a list of Oregon-university, arboretum and botanic-garden individuals (primarily professors) for The Garden Club of America to promote scholarships for qualifying students and interns. Information on these awards is found on the home page of the Garden Club of America website, <https://www.gcamerica.org/>, under the Scholarship tab. Since 1928 The Garden Club of America has awarded more than 1,300 scholars. In 2016, 91 scholars received more than \$360,000; GCA awards support a variety of academic endeavors from coastal wetlands to pollinator research.