



Send-A-Friend Mini-College Scholarships

February 13, 2017

Dear Chapter President/Area OMGA Representative:

In 2002, a new policy was put into place which established a revolving fund to be supported by state and chapter donations. This fund is called "Send-A-Friend". The revolving fund works this way.....the funds donated last year will be used to make awards to applying chapters this year. Monies donated to the fund this year; 2017, will be used to make awards for the 2018 Mini-College.

The Send-A-Friend Program has been very successful in raising funds the past years through donations. Starting this year 2017, new changes will take place. The Send- A- Friend Scholarship will be awarded to Counties with **INCOME** from the previous year of **\$25,000.00 or less** on a first come first serve basis. In 2017 there is funding for 8 OMGA Chapters to receive a \$200.00 scholarship for IMGC. This scholarship is to be used to help fund one or more of your Chapter Master Gardeners attend the 2017 IMGC which will be held July 10th—14th, 2017 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon.

Once the recipient has been selected please send the Committee Chairperson the name of recipient(s) of this award.

The "Send-A-Friend" scholarship forms are attached to this letter and need to be filled out and submitted to receive the scholarship. They are also available on the OMGA website.

Deadline for "Send-A-Friend" application this year is: March 31, 2017.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Katherine T Johnson
Send-A-Friend Chair
503-289-4894
dktjohnson@msn.com

Sincerely,

Katherine Johnson

Application Instructions

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Application forms are to be completed by the Chapter, signed by the Chapter President and submitted to the Send-A-Friend committee chair at the address below. It must be postmarked by March 31, 2017. Email applications will be accepted.

OMGA requires that the name of the recipient(s) who receive this award be sent to the Committee chairperson.

Send-A-Friend Chairperson: Katherine T Johnson
4832 N. Girard St.
Portland, OR 97203
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Send-A-Friend Guidelines (SAF)

The following items are the Guidelines for submitting an application to receive a SAF scholarship to Mini-College/2017 IMGC:

- a) Each eligible Chapter may apply for one scholarship per year.
- b) Applicant must be a current Master Gardener or Master Gardener Trainee in good standing with their chapter.
- c) No applications will be accepted after the stated deadline.
- d) Current scholarship amount is \$200 per Chapter.

SPECIFIC CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

- e) Each Master Gardener Chapter must screen their applicants.
- f) Chapter President must sign the application and submit it to SAF Chairman prior to deadline.
- g) The OMGA Treasurer will send award checks to the Chapter President.
- h) 2017 Funds are to be used for IMGC registration only. All unused funds must be returned to the OMGA Treasurer to be placed back in the SAF fund within 30 days of the end of IMGC. It is suggested these funds be used for recognition of outstanding members in good standing to send to IMGC, such as Master Gardener of the Year, Behind the Scenes, etc.
- i) If the person receiving the scholarship for IMGC is unable to attend the funds may be allocated to another master gardener attending IMGC.
- j) The chapter must notify the Send-A-Friend Committee chair of the name/names of the people to whom this award was given.

OMGA SEND-A-FRIEND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The _____ Chapter of OMGA wishes to apply for the \$200.00 Send-A-Friend Scholarship fund for International Master Gardener Conference 2017.

Please send scholarship to:

Chapter President: _____
Address: _____

Chapter President Signature

Phone/Email

Date

Name of Recieptent _____

To be completed by Send-A-Friend Chairperson

Date received: _____

Chapter: _____

Amount requested: \$ _____ Amount Approved \$ _____