

March 24, 2023

Re: Send-A-Friend Scholarships

Dear Chapter President & OMGA Representative:

In 2002, a new policy was put into place which established a scholarship to be supported by state and chapter contributions. This scholarship is called "Send-A-Friend". The scholarship works this way.....the funds raised from chapter dues and raffle receipts collected in one year will be used to make awards to applying chapters the next year. Monies collected and budgeted by OMGA to the fund this year will be used to make awards for the 2024 OMGA educational forum.

The Send-A-Friend Program has been very successful in raising funds and prizes through donations and the raffle at past educational events. This year OMGA has budgeted funding for ten (10) OMGA Chapters to receive a \$100 scholarship. Priority will be given to the applications from chapters with annual revenue of \$25,000 or less per year. This scholarship is to be used to help fund registration for one or more of the Chapter's Master Gardeners who otherwise might not attend due to financial constraints. The 2023 OMGA educational conference will be July 7th and 8th at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Please notify your chapter's executive board and extension MG coordinator that the "Send-A-Friend" scholarship is available and that information and application are posted on the OMGA website. https://omga.org/"

Deadline for "Send-A-Friend" application this year is May 15, 2023.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 509-493-3098 or ericbosler@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Eric Bosler Send-A-Friend Chair