**The Garden Club of Cape Coral (GCCC)**

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 Print Name of Applicant

This student is applying for a Merit Scholarship Award of up to $2,000 from The Garden Club of Cape Coral (GCCC) and is requesting that you provide a recommendation for an award. The intent of the Garden Club scholarship program is to find and reward graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated serious interest and involvement in studies and activities dedicated to environmental preservation, horticulture, agriculture, biology/botany, natural resources, conservation or hydrology. Although not a requirement, applicants who have clear future goals in fields such as those just mentioned - either through their college studies and/or for life after college - may be judged more favorably. However, Club members recognize that current serious actual commitment to the environment is likely to resurface as future commitment; consequently, this is given greater weight during judging of the applications.

To the extent you are able, discuss applicant’s level of academic achievement, work ethic, motivation, curiosity, character traits and service to others.

Please email your recommendation in **Adobe .pdf format by Friday, February 20th, 2024** to:

Janice Johnsen at meritaward@gardenclubofcapecoral.com

Thank you for your assistance.

Merit Award Scholarship Committee

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