Student Travel Award
2017 Application Instructions

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The Award this year is for attendance at the 2017 Annual Conference in Hamilton, Ontario, June 19-23, 2017. The Award covers all conference registration fees and includes a stipend of $500 to help cover travel and lodging. Award recipients are required to contribute a minimum of four hours of their time to assisting Association staff during the Conference. Please note: International travel is required to attend this year’s conference. Please plan accordingly.

Requirements:
1. Applicant must be a member of the Association in good standing. To join the Association, please see www.publicgardens.org/individual-membership
2. Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution.
3. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in their major courses.
4. Preference is given to applicants with work experience in public gardens.

Selection is based on scholarship achievement and interest in a career in public horticulture. The application letter should reflect this interest.

Your completed electronic application package must include:
- A completed application form
- A one (1) page maximum written statement regarding your interest in pursuing a career in public horticulture
- Your current resume or CV
- Three (3) written letters of recommendation
- A copy of your official transcript (Hi-resolution scan with date of transcript easily readable).

Deadline:
All application materials listed above must be submitted no later than February 28, 2017. Winners will be notified no later than March 10, 2017

Please submit all applications and references electronically to awards@publicgardens.org by the February 28, 2017 deadline.

Questions regarding this application process? Please contact: Ms. Kate Tyrawski, 610-708-3012 or ktyrawski@publicgardens.org
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Name: ________________________________________________________________

Street Address: _______________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ____ Zip: ________________

Telephone: ________________________

Email: ___________________________

College/University Attending: ____________________________________________

Major: _____________________________________________________________

Minor (if applicable): _________________________________________________

Program Enrolment date: _________ Anticipated graduation date: ____________

Credit hours completed: __________ Hours remaining for degree: ____________

Overall GPA for graduate program: _____ GPA within Major: _____

References: Please list the three people providing references for your application. Provide them with the attached Reference Form and ask them to electronically submit the reference to awards@publicgardens.org by February 28, 2017.

Name: ___________________________ Institution: __________________________

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Part 1 (to be completed by the applicant)
Applicant Name: _____________________________________ Email: ____________________________________________

Part 2 (to be completed by the reference)
Reference Name: _____________________________________ Email: ____________________________________________
Institution: ___________________________________________ Position: __________________________________________
Telephone: ___________________________

Signature: _____________________________________________________________       Date: _________________

Part 3 (to be completed by the reference)
Please submit a reference describing the applicant’s character and academic aptitude. The reference should be sent electronically to awards@publicgardens.org by February 28, 2017. Please include this form with your reference. We appreciate you taking the time to complete this.

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