

**Homer Garden Club
General Giving Guidelines
as revised in 2026**

The Mission of the Homer Garden Club (HGC) is to educate and exchange reliable information about gardening and related activities.

Who Are We?

HGC is a non-profit organization which was formed in 1984 as a group of Homer gardeners to share gardening information and experiences. The club has expanded over the years and now holds a 501(C)(3) status. It is led by a board elected by the general membership.

Giving Program

HGC does not provide a formal grant program. The Club's intent is to consider requests for funds to assist with gardening-related community and educational projects within the greater Homer area.

Who is eligible?

- non-profit organizations whose project goals are aligned with the Homer Garden Club
- educational entities
- for-profit entities providing free educational seminars to the community related to gardening. Assistance from HGC would be only for venue and/or educational materials for the event.
- Individuals who are members of the Homer Garden Club and wish to further their knowledge of horticulture and share with the community through the Master Gardener certification program.

Application Process

For School or Community-based projects:

Applicant(s) will send a written description of their request to the Homer Garden Club Board. Including:

- project description
- intended outcomes and value to the community
- start and completion dates
- individuals or staff involved in implementation of the project
- community partners and/or in-kind donations, if any
- how HGC funds would be used for successful completion of the project.

The written application can be submitted to the Homer Garden Club Board via email (2013gardenclub@gmail.com) or mailed hard copy (Homer Garden Club Board, PO Box 2833, Homer, AK 99603)

For Sponsorship of Master Gardener Certification:

Participants in the Master Gardener Program who are members of HGC may be eligible to receive reimbursement of their course tuition upon successful completion of the coursework and community service requirements. Reimbursement from the HGC is contingent on

- being a current member of the Homer Garden Club
- successful completion of the Master Gardener coursework

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- completion of the 40 hours of community service, a minimum of 15 of those hours must be in Homer Garden Club activities. These community service hours must be completed within one year of course completion.

Homer Garden Club Review and Action

The HGC Board will consider submitted requests to determine if the request meets the criteria for support. The Board may request more information or specific modifications of the request before approving. Requests that are approved by the Board will be reviewed by an Ad Hoc Giving Committee made up of 3 or more non-board members. Requests approved by the Board and the Giving Committee will be awarded.

[Note: Homer Garden Club supports post-secondary training in horticultural sciences, landscaping, garden design, greenhouse management, farming, and related environmental fields through a Scholarship program. The Scholarship description and application are available on the Homer Garden Club website (www.homergardenclub.org).]