

Florence Gardens Scholarship for Coast Beautification

Florence Gardens, in collaboration with the Harrison County Beautification Commission, is offering the *Florence Gardens Scholarship for Coast Beautification* to high school junior and senior students in Harrison County who demonstrate a commitment to litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling and overall community beautification.

Eligibility: Any junior or senior high school student in Harrison County. Student must reside and attend school located in Harrison County.

Two scholarships will be awarded, \$1,000 in each of the following categories:

- Found Art – Applicants will create an art installation using recycled materials. Examples include phonebooks, newspaper, plastic bottle, aluminum cans, etc. One material or a combination may be used but the **majority** of the piece must utilize recyclable or recycled materials. All submitted art installations become the property of Florence Gardens and the Harrison County Beautification Commission for public display. Artist credit will be given.
- Campus Improvement – Applicants will submit a typed proposal for a campus improvement project at their school that addresses at least one of the Harrison County Beautification Commission's core issues: litter prevention, recycling, waste reduction and community beautification. Examples include a native plant landscaping project, school recycling program, edible garden, mural painting, etc*. The winner of this scholarship will also receive a \$500 grant with which to implement their project. Projects must be completed before the end of the 2009-2010 school year. A budget for the grant must be included with the application as well as a timeline for program implementation. Applicants must also include a letter of approval from their school administrator stating that should the applicant receive the scholarship and grant, permission has been granted for implementation of the project.

**The Harrison County Beautification Commission is an affiliate of Keep American Beautiful which also addresses the same core issues. For more information please visit www.mscoastbeautiful.org and www.kab.org.*

Students may submit only one entry per category.

Scholarship awards will be made out to the recipient's college/university and are to be applied to tuition only for the 2010- 2011 school year. Any unused funds are to be returned to the program.

Requirements: Applicants must have their name, school and phone number attached to the back or bottom of their found art creation. Applications submitting a campus improvement project must have a cover page with their name, project title, school and phone number only. Their name should not appear on any other page of their typed proposal. Again, be sure to include a budget and timeline as well as any other related renderings or project design outlines, photos, etc.

Deadline: Friday, January 29. Applicants must submit art projects and campus improvement proposals to the Beautification Director's office in the Harrison County Courthouse located at 1801 23rd Avenue, downtown Gulfport by 5 p.m.

Notification: The scholarship committee will notify all applicants who have been awarded scholarships upon completion of the evaluation process. An award ceremony will be held at the Florence Gardens Magnolia Hall in early February 2010.