



Naples Garden Club Fellowship Endowed Fund

The total scholarship fund allocation for the 2021-22 Academic Year is \$4,900.

2021-22 Scholarship Recipient Information

We at the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation are thrilled to present your scholarship recipients for this academic year. Community support is essential to Student Success. The thank you letters enclosed illustrate how a college education not only transforms the lives of the students, but also positively impacts their families and others in the communities where they reside and eventually build careers. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Student:	Hannah Hartzler
Residence:	Naples, FL
Major:	Environmental Science
Class:	Graduate Level

It is a pleasure to be selected the recipient of your fellowship. I am a graduate student at Florida Gulf Coast University in the Master of Science in Environmental Science program. I have completed my first year of the program and this fellowship will be extremely helpful as I dive deeper into my research this fall and spring.

I am working on a study that aims to determine the nutrient recycling capabilities of wetland soils for agricultural nutrient needs. This study will give insight into the use of treatment wetlands for not only cleaning polluted and nutrient enriched waters to decrease eutrophication to freshwater and marine systems, but also the use of wetlands in sustainable farming and fertilization reduction, ultimately reducing harmful algal blooms taking over our aquatic environments. This fellowship will be used to help aid in the final portion of my research, taking place in Naples, Florida at the Harvey Kapnick Center on the campus of the Naples Botanical Garden.



After the completion of my M.S. here at FGCU, I will be continuing on in my education in pursuit of a PhD in Environmental Science or a related field. My career goals include being a researcher in the field of aquatic biogeochemistry and wetland ecology. I am extremely passionate about these fields of science, specifically with understanding the importance and impact of nutrient cycling, temperature change and environmental destruction on the rest of wetland and aquatic ecosystems. Not only am I excited for the opportunities that my future holds within science, but I am passionate about being one of the few female biogeochemists that make up the new but growing field. I have faced many challenges during my education and scientific career thus far and many have related to me being a female scientist. I am excited to be a part of the women in STEM community and take part in changing the face of science for the future generation.

This fellowship will greatly impact the research I am able to do and, therefore, directly contribute to the scientific community and to the support of my career as a female scientist. I cannot share my appreciation enough. Being awarded this fellowship has impacted my life in a significant way and I am excited for the scientific discoveries that your generosity will contribute to.

Sincerely,

Hannah Hartzler