

THE DIANA AITCHISON FUND

The Diana Aitchison Fund provides grants to be awarded annually to assist in the education of young people who have an interest in alpine plants and who want to follow a career in horticulture.

PURPOSE

To permit or help young people who are looking to make a career in horticulture to further their knowledge of alpinism. Eligible expenses include: course fees and materials, living expenses, outlay in respect of placements at establishments of gardening excellence, such as botanic gardens, colleges or nurseries, in the UK or overseas.

- Priority will be given to applications from students following courses lasting one or more years. However, applications for placement periods, single events or short courses will also be considered;
- Particular attention will be paid to an applicant's knowledge of, and interest in, alpinism;
- Preference will be given to applicants with a UK element, e.g. a UK-based student, or a student attending a UK establishment;
- A personal contribution toward the cost of any course would be expected from any recipient.
- Funds will **not** be available for expeditions, botanical trips or tours, conferences or associated research.

Diana Aitchison was a keen gardener and plantswoman who set up and ran her own nursery at Spindleston, near Belford, Northumberland. She left a generous sum in her will to be used to help young people further their careers in gardening, particularly in respect of alpine plants. This resulted in the establishment of The Diana Aitchison Fund, to be maintained and administered by the Scottish Rock Garden Club. The reports submitted by recipients of grants to SRGC Council are greatly valued.

As a guide to applicants, a list of the value of grants awarded and examples of for what purpose is given on our website.

Look at more details on our website: www.srgc.net - under About Us, then Training Awards

Further information and application form can be obtained from:

Email: training@srgc.net

The SRGC website: www.srgc.net

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