

SUGGESTIONS FOR DOLLARS FOR \$CHOLARS\$ PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Offer prizes/recognition for each club that becomes 100% State, Deep South and/or NGC Life Members. Offer special recognition for those clubs that have achieved this level and maintained it for a period of three or more years.
2. Offer special recognition (such as a Life Membership-only dinner at your state convention) to individuals who have achieved that status.
3. Encourage members to purchase Life Memberships or donate Garden Club-sponsored scholarship funds in honor/memory of friends and family on special occasions. *This is a very eco-friendly idea for those who "already have everything". Notification of donations can be easily wrapped in a small envelope. They don't require assembly, watering, feeding, or dusting, and are tax deductible!* Scholarship donations are the gift that keeps on giving, for generations to come!
4. Sponsor community-wide special events, such as a holiday tea, luncheon, program, raffle or opportunity drawing, plant-, yard-, or bake- sales, etc. to support scholarship funds and/or youth projects. An idea that your club has "been doing forever" might be fresh and new to another club.
5. Pass the "Scholarship Jug" at each meeting with different designated amounts, such as 25 cents for each grandchild, and when enough money has been donated, award a State, Deep South, or NGC life membership to a member.
6. "Fine" members for absences, tardiness, talking during the meeting, etc., with funds designated for scholarship funds. *This should NOT be done in a punitive or harsh manner, but rather in a spirit of good humor. Designate a "monitor" with a sense of humor to levy the fines. Designate a theme for each meeting (e.g. everybody to wear something of a certain color) and those failing to participate will be "fined".*
7. Hold an auction, raffle, etc. at every club meeting with funds designated for scholarships and/or youth projects.
8. Publicize the availability of scholarships, both at schools, and to the general public. Post flyers advertising their availability at churches, libraries, civic centers, etc.
9. Make sure scholarship winners get local publicity. Most newspapers have youth pages on at least an occasional basis.
10. Form a Junior, Intermediate/High School Garden Club.
11. Sponsor educational programs on Saturday or during the summer that promote Deep South and NGC objectives that parents and their children can do together. *Busy parents look for "quality time" projects. And, if their children can come home with something like a dish garden or a birdhouse, even better! Don't be afraid to charge a nominal registration fee! Profits go to... YOU KNOW WHERE!*
12. Develop and publish booklets, videos, etc. that would be useful to youth, such as, identification of local birds, trees, etc.; basic steps to planting a garden or making a dish garden; basic flower design; how to make a holiday wreath, etc.
13. Expand existing youth programs, such as eco-camps, perhaps to include a parent-child day, or offer them to adults only-only for pay! We ALL loved going to camp.
14. Involve your scholarship recipients as sources of information for clubs and projects.