



THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB

THE DIANA AITCHISON FUND

**is a new fund aiming to assist the education of young people,
with an interest in alpine plants,
who want to follow a career in horticulture**

The Diana Aitchison Fund has several thousand pounds available to disburse annually in the form of a grant or grants.

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. 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.
- 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.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 31st MARCH 2009

Further information and application form can be obtained from:

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