



## **WWGCSA TURF MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association, a chapter of the GCSAA, offers a scholarship opportunity to those interested in either beginning or continuing their education in Turf Management. The scholarship's purpose is to expand the talent pool of individuals pursuing a career path leading to becoming a golf course Superintendent. Each scholarship applicant is required to receive endorsement by either a Class A or Class B Superintendent member of the WWGCSA. Scholarship recipients are granted gratis Student membership status to the WWGCSA during the period in which they are pursuing their turf management education, and are invited to attend any and all chapter meetings of the GCSAA for up to 2 years after the Scholarship is granted. The Scholarship must be used by the recipient within 18 months of award.

The scholarship will be granted based on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and approval by the Board of Directors of the WWGCSA. Either 1 or 2 scholarships will be granted each year, up to \$5000 in total scholarship grants will be available annually, subject to an annual review by the WWGCSA Board of Directors.

**Who Should Apply?** Any individual interested in pursuing a career in turf management, provided that the applicant is either be a resident of the state of Washington, or expecting to attend a turf management program at a Pacific Northwest institution, and that the individual receives an endorsement from a WWGCSA member-Superintendent.

**Where to Apply?** Scholarship applications are due to [bill.ackerley@wwgcsa.org](mailto:bill.ackerley@wwgcsa.org) on Saturday, September 30th, 2023. They may be mailed physically to 1377 Aaron Ave NE, Bainbridge Island WA, 98110. Scholarships will be awarded at the WWGCSA Annual Meeting at the Chambers Bay Environmental Services Building on November 6, 2023.

### **Application Requirements**

1. Candidate must complete the Scholarship application form.
2. Candidate must submit an essay addressing the following:
  - a) Knowledge of and interest in the turf management industry:
    1. description of any prior turf management experience
    2. motivation behind pursuing a turf management career
    3. aspirations upon becoming a leader in the turf management industry
    4. Current need and expected use of the scholarship grant
  - b) List significant achievements and/or accomplishments and how they suggest you will become successful in your turf management career.
3. Attach a copy of your current resume to your application.
4. Attach two letters of recommendation to your application.
5. Attach one letter of endorsement from a current Class A or Class B Superintendent member of the WWGCSA

The education committee will review all applications and award up to two scholarships to candidates that fulfill the criteria and exude a level of excellence and desire to further their career in turf management, upon the approval of the WWGCSA Board of Directors.

## WWGCSA Turf Management Scholarship Application

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WWGCSA Member-Endorser \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

How does your current employer support your professional development? \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Year Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Other Education or certificates \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION/VOLUNTEERISM

List any activities you have been or are currently involved in within your community \_\_\_\_\_

### ATTACHMENTS

Be sure to attach your essay, resume, Superintendent Endorsement, reference to this application upon its submittal.