

MGCSA Turfgrass Scholarship & Reimbursement Program



The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association encourages the growth of turf management professionals through educational opportunities. For 2023, the MGCSA is expanding its scholarship and tuition reimbursement offerings to student members enrolled in a turf management degree or certificate program. The Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship supported by Par Aide, and the MGCSA Legacy Scholarships will continue to be offered to eligible individuals.

Funding Available:

Programs under \$600 will be reimbursed at cost (i.e. Great Lakes School of Turfgrass Science)

Programs over \$1000 - individuals will be eligible for up to \$1000 scholarship. (i.e. degree programs). Scholarship funding can be requested each academic year student remains eligible. Student must resubmit request each year.

*MGCSA set a generous budget for financial support, and will work to accommodate as many students as possible.

All requests will be accepted in order of submittal, pending eligibility, as funding limits allow.

Eligibility:

Any Minnesota or neighboring state student currently working for a MGCSA regional golf course, and/or student enrolled or enrolling in a turf management program is eligible for funding. Student must sign up for an MGCSA Student membership (free to current students). MGCSA will confirm eligibility with golf course contact as needed.

Scholarship Requirements:

To request scholarship support:

- Submit application form (page 2) with a report from an academic instructor (page 3) stating that student is actively enrolled in turf program. Failure to provide documentation of enrollment could result in forfeiture of funding; and
- Maintain candidacy for a degree at an educational institution that maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities; and
- The amounts you receive are used to pay for tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at the educational institution, or for books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at the educational institution. (Room, board, and travel expenses are not eligible uses of this funding)

Reimbursement Requirements: *Requests accepted March 1st - May 15th of each year*

Upon completion of the Great Lakes School of Turfgrass Science, or similar short-course program:

- Send completion certificate and proof of original payment (receipt) to MGCSA at chris@mgcsa.org. Or mail them to MGCSA, PO Box 2028, Maple Grove, MN 55311.
- A reimbursement check will then be issued to the individual or company paying the initial class fee, following the completion of the course. Reimbursements capped at \$600.

MGCSA Scholarship Funding Application Form

Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Current MGCSA Membership Classification _____ Member Since _____

Educational Institution _____ Program _____

Amount Requested \$ _____

Work Experience

Current Employer/Position _____

Employer Contact _____ Phone _____

Past Employment History _____

Recipients will be required to provide a thank you message for inclusion & recognition in Hole Notes

Application Periods

Fall Semester: June 1st - August 1st

Spring Semester: November 1st - January 1st

Only one request per calendar year

RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

chris@mgcsa.org

or:

MGCSA

PO Box 2028

Maple Grove, MN 55311

MGCSA Scholarship Funding Application

Academic Instructor Report

Candidate Name _____ Date _____

Advisor/Instructor Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Educational Institution _____ Program _____

Candidate Eligibility

Is the candidate currently enrolled in a turf management program at your institution?

Yes No

Does your institution maintain a regular faculty and curriculum, and regularly enrolled body of students?

Yes No

Are tuition and fees for your program in excess of \$1,000?

Yes No

Instructors Signature _____

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