

Northwestern Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

I. Purpose

To provide scholarships to students who are pursuing a career in turfgrass management, and/or children and grandchildren of current NWPGCSA members pursuing any full-time college degree.

II. Scholarship Awards

1. Scholarship award amounts will be determined by the scholarship committee.
2. A student can receive only one scholarship.
3. A student may re-apply if he or she is not awarded a scholarship.

III. Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must:

1. Be sponsored and employed by an active Class A or SM member of the NWPGCSA or be a member, spouse, child or grandchild of a current member with at least 3 consecutive years of membership in the NWPGCSA.
2. Have completed at least one year of college or an approved turfgrass management program and enrolled in the following year. While correspondence courses are not eligible, accredited online turfgrass management certificate programs are eligible.
3. Have a minimum of two years golf course experience if applying for a turfgrass scholarship.
4. Submit a Scholarship Application postmarked no later than midnight of the stated deadline.
5. Submit a transcript of grades and classes completed from, at least, your first year of college or turfgrass management program.
6. Submit a typed letter of recommendation from one of your personal references (not from your current superintendent or a relative).
7. Submit a typed response to the Applicant's Statement.
8. Submit a Golf Course Superintendent's Report if applying for a turfgrass scholarship.
9. Submit any other information the applicant feels pertinent (in typed format).

IV. Basis for Selection

1. Turfgrass students employed by a NWPGCSA member will be given preference but will not be guaranteed selection.
2. Children and grandchildren of members will be awarded scholarships based on their individual merit.
3. Consideration will be given to transcript of grades.
4. Consideration will be given to Applicant's Statement.
5. Consideration will be given to any correspondence received from Superintendents, Professors, References, etc.

V. Notification of Disbursement

1. Recipients will be notified by mail by August 1st.
2. The check will be made payable to the college and sent directly to the Bursar's Office of that college.
3. Any awards to Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, Penn State Research, or turf related research will be awarded upon board approval.
4. Presentation of certificate will be made to recipients.

