



Greater Cincinnati GCSA | 9200 Montgomery Rd. #24B Cincinnati, OH 45242

Who Should Apply: The Greater Cincinnati GCSA is pleased to inform you that scholarships will be offered to students who are currently enrolled in studies pertaining to the turf industry and / or the son or daughter of a member. The deadline to submit your application is May 10th. The four scholarships are listed below:

Howard Dammel Scholarship (\$2500) - awarded to the most deserving turf student applicant.

Marion Mendenhall Scholarship (\$2500) - awarded to the most academically deserving applicant that is a son/daughter of a Greater Cincinnati GCSA member.

Charlie Tadge Service Award Scholarship (\$2500) - awarded to the most community service driven applicant that is a son/daughter of a Greater Cincinnati GCSA member.

John Fanning Legacy Scholarship (\$2500) - The Fanning family will be awarding a scholarship in the name of John, who recently passed. The recipient will embody the character and passion that John showed in his many years in the turf industry.

A 250 word essay is required of all applicants explaining why you have chosen the turf field or how you have been influenced by your parents' turf profession.

Please use the following criteria when submitting applications:

1. Applicant must include current grade transcript.
2. Applicant must include letter(s) of recommendation.
3. Applicant must include a 250 word essay.
4. Applicant must include a resume of employment history
5. All applicant questions must be answered honestly to the best of the applicant's knowledge.
6. Information given on the application must be either typewritten or printed.

The Scholarship Committee will base the selection of qualified candidates on the following:

- Scholastic Achievement
- Turf related job experience (where applicable)
- Strength of Essay
- Past Winner (2 year max)
- Longevity of parents' turf profession, volunteer service to the GCGCSA board, or past history of hosting a GCGCSA Scholarship and Research Outing
- Financial Need
- College/University (online, turf certificate, 2 year, 4 year, etc.)
- High School Achievements and Intent to enroll in a college/university or turf program.

Please return your completed application and supporting documents by May 10th to:

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Social Security Number ____-____-____ Birth Date: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Home Address: _____ City State Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____ City State Zip: _____

Local Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

College Attending: _____

Major: _____

Are you currently enrolled in a college / university or turfgrass program? Yes No

(If Yes) Current Status: 4 - Year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

2-Year: 1st Year 2nd Year Other Expected Date of Graduation: _____

If Still in high school with plans of enrolling in a college/university or turf school, please indicate which program:

Are you the son/daughter of a Greater Cincinnati GCSA Member? Yes No If yes, please provide the name of the GCGCSA Member: _____

Academic Record: You must include a copy of official transcript Cumulative GPA/scale: All subjects: _____ In Major _____ (High School if college credits not yet earned) All subjects for the last two years

Activities (attach separate sheet if needed):

Membership and committee work in student organizations _____

Offices Held

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Community Services Activities (projects and group associated with)

Work Experiences (List Chronologically):

I PLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Only Signed applications returned by May 15th will be considered for a scholarship. Please make sure all additional documents are enclosed.

Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the annual scholarship golf outing to be recognized. Date and location can be found at gcgcsa.org .

