2025

CGSA

SCHOLARS FUND

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

November 30, 2025

<u>ALL</u> REQUIRED MATERIAL MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED!

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CANADIAN GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
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INTRODUCTION TO CGSA SCHOLARS FUND

The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) Scholars Fund supports "CGSA member" students attending educational programs as a means of enhancing their knowledge and skills for the turfgrass profession. The Scholars Fund provides support to CGSA Student members pursuing their educational endeavours. This financial assistance is meant to assist members in becoming better qualified for their current employment or other opportunities within the turfgrass profession.

NEW IN 2025: The CGSA Board of Directors has approved a total of $7,500 in scholarship funds for the 2025 academic year. The awards will be distributed as follows:

- **1st Place: $5,000**
- **2nd Place: $1,500**
- **3rd Place: $1,000**

This assistance is available to all CGSA student members who are currently enrolled in **at least the second year** of a recognized turfgrass program of two (2) years duration (or longer). One year mechanic course students are also eligible.

The program is administered by the CGSA Board of Directors.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES

APPLICANT MUST:

1. Be a **member** in good standing of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association.

2. Be a **Canadian Resident**.

3. Have a minimum of **one season** as an **employee** on a Golf Course.

4. Be **presently enrolled** in at least the **second year** at a turfgrass institution in a program of **two (2) years** duration or longer or in a one year or longer golf course technician (mechanic) program.

5. Have the attached "reports" completed by:

   - The golf course superintendent at the applicant's place of employment
     and
   - A current instructor at the educational institution.

These two (2) "reports" are to be completed and returned to the student, and included with a completed application" by the **Deadline Date: November 30, 2025**

SCHOLAR'S APPLICATION

(please print or type clearly)

PERSONAL:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

_____

TEL: Res.( ) # _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ SIN # _____/_____/_____
MM DD YYYY

CGSA Membership # _____

EMPLOYMENT:

Present Employer: _____ No. of Years: _____

Position: _____

Contact Name: _____

TEL: Club ( ) _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (GOLF RELATED)
Previous Employers:

1) _____ No. of Years _____

2) _____ No. of Years _____

EDUCATION:

Name of Education Institution: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

TEL: ( ) _____

Program Title: _____
Is this a ___ 2 year, ___ graduate, ___ or other (Describe Below) program?

Graduation Date: __/__/____
MM DD YYY Y

REFERENCE LETTERS

(Must be completed by the golf course superintendent at the current or a previous place of employment and the lead instructor at the educational institution at which you are enrolled.)

REPORT FROM TURFGRASS INSTRUCTOR
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Candidate: _____

Home Address: _____

_____

Please return this completed report to the student.

1. How well does this applicant work independently? Explain your response.

2. Does the applicant have well-defined career objectives? Please outline the objectives.

3. Does the applicant exhibit leadership qualities and what are they?

4. Does the applicant intend to pursue golf course management as a career?

5. How would you rate the applicant?

Superior _____ Good _____ Average _____ Below Average _____

Comments:

I do ____ I do not ____ recommend that this student be granted a Scholar's Fund grant.

Signature _____ _____ Date: __ /____/_____

Print name here MM DD YYYY

Education Institution _____

Report is for: **Canadian Golf Superintendents Association ~ Deadline Date: November 30, 2025**

N.B.: **If you wish, you may provide this completed report to the student in a "sealed envelope" marked confidential. Do not send in separately to CGSA. Please ensure you give this completed report to the student in ample time for him/her to meet the deadline.**

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT FROM GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT
- PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE -

RETURN THIS COMPLETED REPORT TO THE STUDENT

Candidate: _____

Home Address: _____

_____

CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY RATINGS

	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
Motivation	___	___	___	___
Creative Qualities	___	___	___	___
Self-Discipline	___	___	___	___
Growth Potential	___	___	___	___
Leadership	___	___	___	___
Self-Confidence	___	___	___	___
Concern for Others	___	___	___	___
Reaction to Setbacks	___	___	___	___
Personal Initiative	___	___	___	___

Summary Statement:

What duties did this applicant perform on your golf course?

Would this person, in your opinion, be a positive influence on the profession as a Golf Course Superintendent?

Signed: _____ Print name here_____

Your CGSA Member # _____ Club: _____ Date: ___/___/_____
MM DD YYYY

Report is for: Canadian Golf Superintendents Association ~ Deadline: NOVEMBER 30th each year.

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ESSAY

Please type or print neatly a 500 - 1,000 word essay about yourself.
(Note your essay must be legible (double spaced and at least a size 10 font)

In an essay form briefly tell us about yourself.

- What inspired you to enter the turfgrass profession and why
- Detail your future goals – short, medium, and long range; how you plan to accomplish these goals.
- Tell us who has been the biggest influence on you to this point in your turfgrass career; and explain why you are deserving of this award.
- Please expand on your participation/involvement outside of the golf course.

NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.
PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR SUBMISSION.

CHECKLIST:

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE.....

1. **Completed all areas of the scholars' application ensuring it is legible. ☐**
2. **Ensured that validated transcripts of your educational program results are received from your educational institution and are included. ☐ Ranked at 30%**
3. **Report from your Instructor included. ☐ Ranked at 15%**
4. **Report from your superintendent included. ☐ Ranked at 15%**
5. **Essay - 500- 1,000 word essay from student including your participation/involvement outside of the golf course. Be sure it is in proper font size and double spaced. ☐ Ranked at 40%**

Final Note:

1. Applicant must meet **all criteria** and satisfy all requirements as previously described.
2. Applicant must submit all of the necessary information to the CGSA Scholar's Fund no later than **Deadline Date: November 30, 2025**. **Incomplete applications will be returned**.
3. Scholar's Fund grant recipients will be announced at the CGSA Annual General Meeting during the Canadian Golf Course Management Conference (CGCMC) and may be published in GreenMaster.

APPLICATION DECLARATION

I hereby certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
I understand the committee decision will be final.

Payment, if any, will be made at the discretion of and at a time to be determined by CGSA. CGSA is not responsible for any other funding or payment to the applicant.

Signed:_____ Dated: ____/____/_____
MM DD YYY Y

_____
Print name here

Forward your application, together with a copy of your academic transcripts to:

Canadian Golf Superintendents Association
2025 Scholarship Application Form
***CGSA*, 2605 Summerville Court, Unit #A2082 Mississauga, ON L4X 0A2**
Attention: Scholar's Fund Chairman
OR Scan and Email to: Lori Micucci at Lmicucci@golfsupers.com