



2026

CGSA

SCHOLARS FUND

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

November 30, 2026

**ALL REQUIRED MATERIAL MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED!**



CANADIAN GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARS FUND 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.

A total of **\$7,500** scholarship funds were given out by the CGSA in 2025.

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, 2026**



SCHOLAR'S APPLICATION

(please print or type clearly)

PERSONAL:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

TEL: Res. () # _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
MM DD YYYY

SIN # ____/____/____

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 YYYY



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, 2026**

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, 2026.**
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 YYYY

Print name here

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

Canadian Golf Superintendents Association

2026 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