



# *Scholarship Program*

Postmark Application Deadline:  
**Thursday, August 30,  
2018**

Return completed applications to:

Rob Nolek  
PAGCS Past President  
Cedarbrook Country Club  
180 Penllyn Pike  
Blue Bell, PA 19422

## Application Information

### BACKGROUND

The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents exists to support turfgrass management, provide valuable member services, and be viewed as a community of professionals supporting and enhancing the game of golf.

The vision of the PAGCS is to be a premier regional association committed to enhancing the golf course management profession.

#### FRANK SHUMAN

The Frank I. Shuman Scholarship was created by Frank's son, Frank T. Shuman, to honor his late father. Both Shuman's are esteemed PAGCS members, highly devoted to the golf turf industry. The first Frank I. Shuman Scholarship Award was presented in 2003. To date, nearly \$30,000 has been awarded to qualifying students.

#### GEORGE LEY

The George E. Ley Scholarship has deep roots dating back several decades. Another esteemed and devoted PAGCS member, George E. Ley wanted to give back to the industry and the superintendent via a scholarship program. Using his company's resources, he began hosting a scholarship tournament and donating the proceeds to the PAGCS to be used to help turf students. Over the years, the tournament has evolved and is now run by the PAGCS and all proceeds benefit qualified students who are employed by PAGCS members.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### ELIGIBILITY

1. An applicant must be an undergraduate or a post graduate student and currently enrolled in a two or more year accredited program related to golf/turfgrass management.  
(*Seniors graduating prior to the application deadline of August 30 are ineligible.*)
2. Applicants must have completed the first year in a program related to golf course management.
3. **Applicants must be employed by or have worked for a PAGCS golf course superintendent and planning a career as a superintendent or a closely related professional discipline.**
4. **Applicants must be a member of the GCSAA.**

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, potential to become a leading professional, employment history, extracurricular activities, and the recommendations of both a superintendent member of the PAGCS with whom the student has worked and a current academic advisor.

Previous recipients may reapply as long as they meet all eligibility requirements.

### HOW TO APPLY

Students must complete and submit the application form using **Acrobat Reader** and supply the following under one cover:

1. Transcripts from all universities and post-secondary schools attended that include grades from the last completed semester.  
(Transcripts do not need to be official copies.)
2. The **Advisor's Report** completed by your academic advisor or the head of the department at the school that you currently attend. The form [see separate link on website and provide this to your advisor] should be in an envelope sealed by the advisor and mailed with your application.
3. The **Superintendent's Report** completed by a golf course superintendent for whom you have worked. The form [see separate link on website and provide this to your superintendent] should be in an envelope sealed by the superintendent and mailed with your application.
4. A current resume must be included with your application packet.
5. The essay component **must not** exceed two pages and must not have been previously submitted to PAGCS.
6. All applications must be postmarked by **August 30**.
7. Please follow all of the instructions.
8. Send the application packet to:

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Your scholarship application will be judged by its appearance. It is important to remember the following tips:

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. Request material that you have to obtain from others early. When your school will be sending transcripts directly to us, check back with the school about a week after you make your request to make sure your transcripts have been sent.
3. If you have questions, please call 215-416-3722, or email [cedarsupt@yahoo.com](mailto:cedarsupt@yahoo.com).
4. Provide all the information required. Do not submit an incomplete application.
5. Do not include extra items.
6. Proofread your materials. Have one or two other people proofread your essay. Use spell check.
7. Be neat. If you need additional pages to fully answer a question, use them.
8. Use white paper. Do not use staples or bind your application in any way.
9. Make copies of your finished application for reference.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION – PLEASE TYPE**

Name:		GCSAA Member #:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Cell Phone:		Email:	
Hometown:			
School Name:		Current Major:	
Adviser:			
Current Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters			Projected date of degree:
Cumulative GPA:			

**LIST IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED, THEN COLLEGES**  
*(Note: All schools listed below must be documented by a school transcript.)*

Name of School	Dates Attended	Date of Graduation*	Degree	Overall GPA

\*If graduation date is pending, please indicate the date you expect to graduate.

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

1. Have you ever been dismissed from a school or placed on academic probation?  YES  NO

If yes, which school and the reasons:

2. List any academic distinctions and honors you have received.

High School:

College:

3. List school or college activities in which you have participated (athletics, clubs, fine arts, school newspaper or yearbook, etc.) Please note any honors you have received.

High School:

College:

4. List activities outside of school or college such as turf associations, clubs, organizations, community involvement, etc., and any offices held.

ORGANIZATION	OFFICE HELD

5. List employment you have had and currently hold within the golf industry. Include any military experience.

TYPE OF WORK	EMPLOYER	FROM (MO/YR)	TO (MO/YR)

I certify the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the task group's decision will be final.

Signature:

Date:

***Please type essay below or include as an attachment.  
Do not exceed two pages that addresses the following four questions:***

1. What has motivated you to embark on a path of becoming a golf course superintendent?
2. What has been your preparation to achieve this goal and what steps do you see yourself taking to attain this goal?
3. What do you expect from a career as a golf course superintendent?
4. What is the greatest challenge facing the golf course industry today and what do you foresee as the greatest challenge in ten years?