

Scholarship Application

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Institution

Oregon State University

Faculty Advisor

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Applicant's Major Field of Study

Horticulture

Current Class Standing

Senior

Cumulative Grade Point

3.22

Last Semester/Quarter Grade Point

3.25

Cumulative Grade Point in Major Field of Study

3.64

Number of Semester/Quarter Hours Taken to Date

6

Experience in Turfgrass Field

I have worked for the last four years at Mallard Creek Golf Course in the maintenance department. Irrigation, mowing, drainage to rebuilding tee boxes is something I have become familiar with.

Prior to Mallard Creek, I spent a year at WhiteHawk Ranch Golf Course in Northern California mowing roughs and learning the basics on golf course maintenance.



Experience in Other Fields

Before pursuing Turf Management, I had worked in bottled water industry, delivering and managing drivers and their routes. I worked for Red Rock Water close to 10 years and was able to gain managerial experience as well as developing customer service. While employed at Red Rock, I also worked part time as a bartender at the Peppermill casino bartending banquet events. I decide to branch out into the medical field during all of this as well and took a full time position at Fresenius Medical working as a Dialysis technician and dropped to part time at the water company. I was tasked with daily duties of setting up the dialysis machines and correctly mixing bicarbonate to flow through the machines and into the patients. Along with setting up stations for the patients I would cannulate their arms in preparation for their treatment.

List All Volunteer Activities

Turf Club
AWANAS club

Describe your reasons for requesting a scholarship. Include a brief autobiography, a statement of your commitment to the Turfgrass Industry and the Pacific Northwest, and your future goals.

I was born in San Jose, California, and raised in Reno, Nevada. I am the youngest 5 children, three brothers and one sister. I have been married for six years and together we have a five year old daughter (Launa) and a one year old boy (Vinny). We moved up to the Pacific Northwest for me to pursue my dreams of becoming a superintendent. I have spent my entire life on an athletic field, whether it be football, soccer, baseball, softball or golf, sports have always been my passion in life. I wanted to pursue a career in something I loved, and it did not take long for me to figure out that I love the game of golf and wanted to be on a golf course everyday whether it was for work or fun. Over the past 3 years I have enjoyed being able to share my love of golf with my wife and daughter and soon I will be able to share that with my son as well. We have learned to enjoy some of the weather differences from the Nevada desert to the rainy days of the Willamette Valley. I have to admit I enjoy seeing the lush green landscape rather than the brown dried sagebrush from back home. We have come to love the PNW and look forward to raising our children here as well. My wife has been a huge support of our family since I decided to go back to school to get my turf degree and if able to be a recipient of the scholarship it would help my family with the cost of my schooling. My future goal is to be hired after graduation by a course here in the PNW and continue to learn as an assistant superintendent and work into a superintendent role.

Additional Information Required:

Transcripts

Upload official transcripts here or have e-transcripts email to ogcsa@ogcsa.org

- [OSU-transcripts.docx](#)



Letters of Recommendation

Upload letters of recommendation here or have letters emailed to ogcsa@ogcsa.org

- [Vince-Romo-OGCSA-2021.doc](#)
- [Vinces-letter.docx](#)

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2021

SIGN

Vince Romo

THE OREGON GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION AND OREGON TURFGRASS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, SEX, RACE, CREED, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

OGCSA Scholarship

Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association provides **up to two scholarships to students attending any turfgrass accredited college in the Pacific Northwest**. OGCSA has provided scholarships to numerous students since the 1970's.

OGCSA Scholarship

The Bill Martin Scholarship was created through the kind donations from the Friends of Bill Martin and the Bill Martin Family in 1995. The Martin Family have owned and operated the Agate Beach Golf Course since 1960. **This scholarship is awarded to the leading Junior candidate in Turfgrass management at OSU.**

The Norm Whitworth Scholarship

The Norm Whitworth Scholarship, created in 2002, is the premier scholarship offered by the OTF for **any Turfgrass Student, (undergraduate or graduate), attending college within the Pacific Northwest**. The fund was established through kind donations from Golf, Seed and Turf Industry individuals and companies with whom Norm had close relationships. Norm was an active sales representative and advocate of Turfgrass for over 30 years.

ELIGIBILITY:

**Applicants must be planning to become a Golf Course Superintendent or a professional in a closely related field.*

**The Scholarship Committee Chairperson will have the final decision on the eligibility of applicants.*

OGCSA SCHOLARSHIP

- Available to any student currently enrolled in turf related school or university. Online students eligible.
- Min of 10 credits of academic courses appropriate to turf/ag field of study must be completed



- GPA - of a minimum of 2.75 in turf related field of study
- Or minimum of 3.00 overall GPA
- Student indicates which courses he/she believes fits minimum requirement
- Letters of recommendation from a faculty advisor and turf industry professional
- Copy of current transcripts or proof of course completion and grade(s)
- A completed application must be filed by March 31, 2021
- Applicant must be a member of the OGCSA

MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

- Available to any undergraduate of Junior or Senior standing or graduate student currently enrolled in turfgrass program at Oregon State University
- Minimum of 30 credits of turf/ag program academic courses must be completed
- GPA - minimum of 3.00 in turf related field of study
- Or minimum of 3.25 overall GPA
- Student indicates which courses he/she believes fits minimum requirement
- Letters of Recommendation from a faculty advisor and turf industry professional
- Copy of current transcripts or proof of course completion and grade(s)
- A completed application must be filed by March 31, 2021
- Applicant must be a member of the OGCSA

WHITWORTH SCHOLARSHIP

- Available to any undergraduate of Junior or Senior standing or graduate student currently enrolled in a turfgrass program in the Pacific Northwest.
- Minimum of 30 credits of turf/ag program academic courses must be completed
- GPA - minimum of 3.00 in turf related field of study
- Or minimum of 3.25 overall GPA
- Student indicates which courses he/she believes fits minimum requirement
- Letters of Recommendation from a faculty advisor and turf industry professional
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