

# The Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management Application Form

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## Section 1 – Applicant Information

Name: Enzo Combs Date: 09/21/21

Club: Orchard Hills Golf and Country Club

Preferred Mailing (Club or home) Address:

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City: Vancouver State: Washington Zip: 98684

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## Section 2- Employer information if applicant is not Oregon GCSA Member

Name of Member: Shane Hadwick

Club: Orchard Hills Golf and Country Club

Cell Phone: (360) 921-4861

Member Since: 2005, OGCSA President 2018-2020

## Section 3- Work History & Activities

List in chronological order work history in related turfgrass history

Type of Work	Employer	Employment Dates
Greens Keeper	Orchard Hills Golf and CC	May 2012-

List your activities outside of work (clubs, organizations, community service, etc.):

I enjoy snow skiing, hiking, fishing and playing golf. I also like to read, particularly history and fiction.

## Section 4- Applicant Letter of interest

Attach a typed letter of interest that does not exceed 500 words. The letter of interest must be original and not previously submitted to Oregon GCSA. The letter should cover the following:

1. Why are you interested in completing the Oregon State University (OSU) Turfgrass Management PACE course and how will it assist you in your career in the industry?

## Section 5- Oregon GCSA Member letter of recommendation

**Non- Oregon GCSA members:** Attach a letter of recommendation from sponsoring Oregon GCSA member. The letter of recommendation must be composed on official letterhead, dated and signed. The letter of recommendation must be original and not previously submitted to Oregon GCSA.

**Oregon GCSA Members:** Attach a letter of recommendation from an industry peer, club management or club member.

## Certification

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

## Letter of Intent

My name is Enzo Combs I am a third-generation golf course employee. My grandfather worked as a golf pro then course manager in Ellensburg and Kalispell, Mt, my father has been a superintendent for over 25 years, and I have been on the greens crew at Orchard Hills for over nine years. I am pursuing formal education to improve my chances for finding a spray tech or assistant superintendent position to improve my career and hopefully find a superintendent job shortly afterwards.

During my first two years as a full-time employee, I assisted in rebuilding three tee boxes, and I have releveled two others. I am competent on all equipment including tractors. I have assisted in raising heads but have not changed heads before myself. I look forward to furthering my knowledge and taking on more responsibility in our industry.

I have gained a lot of experience working under Shane Hadwick at Orchard Hills Golf and Country Club, but it is time for me to gain more formal education to improve my chances for progressing my career. I love being able to make a golf course the best it can be, and I hope to be able to inspire that in my green's crews. Having the opportunity to follow my father in his footsteps and find my course to make my own would be a dream come true. I hope to be taken for consideration for the OSU PACE course scholarship and pursue my career goals of becoming a superintendent.

Thank you very much,

Enzo Combs

Dear Scholarship Committee:

September 28, 2021

It is truly a privilege as a father and a current Certified Superintendent, that I proudly recommend my son Enzo Combs as a future student for Oregon State University Turfgrass PACE Course Series.

Enzo started work under my assistant (Shane Hadwick) during the time I was GM and Head Superintendent at Orchard Hills CC in Washougal, Wa. where I worked for 17 years. Enzo started in 2012 and is still employed there and has thoroughly been enjoying the science behind the business. He has always had the desire to learn and be challenged.

In the past 9 years he has become proficient in operations of all maintenance equipment. He has the desire to seek perfection through growth and local OGCSA education. He has been involved with rebuilding tee boxes, bunkers and all aspects of course maintenance at a high level for Orchard Hills.

I couldn't be more proud and more appreciative of the Scholarship Committee in considering Enzo. He has the potential to become a third-generation superintendent. I know he will do our industry and OSU proud if accepted!

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 949-0979 (cell) or send an email to [mikec@golfbuffalohill.com](mailto:mikec@golfbuffalohill.com)

Thank you,

Michael E. Combs, CGCS