

**Deadline for Submitting Application**

Completed applications must be postmarked by September 30.

Mail or Email applications to:

**Oregon GCSA  
Scholarship Committee**  
P.O. Box 1556  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
Phone: (503) 344-6535  
[ogcsa@ogcsa.org](mailto:ogcsa@ogcsa.org)

**The Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass  
Management Application Form**

Please type this form

**Section 1 – Applicant Information**

Name Aaron Kirschling Date 9/14/21

Club: Oswego Lake C.C.

Preferred Mailing (Club or home) Address

21511 S Lance Ct.

City Beaver Creek State OR Zip 97004

Cell Phone (971) 409-5827 Email Kirschlingaaron@yahoo.com

**Section 2 –Employer information if applicant is not an Oregon  
GCSA Member**

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member Since \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Year)

Current Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 – Work History & Activities**

List in chronological order work history in related turfgrass industry

Type of work	Employer	Employment dates
<i>Greenskeeper</i>	<i>Oswego Lake Country Club</i>	<i>5-22-02 → Present</i>

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

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**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 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.

*Arnon Kirshen*

(Applicant's Signature)

*9/14/21*

(Date)

Aaron Kirschling  
20 Iron Mountain Blvd  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034  
9/14/21

To whom it may concern:

My name is Aaron Kirschling and I have been employed with Oswego Lake Country Club for nineteen years on the Greens Crew. With this letter and application, I am applying for the Turfgrass PACE Course Series scholarship to Oregon State University to further knowledge in the area that I've chosen as a career. As an avid outdoor person, having an outdoor work environment has been very fulfilling on many levels and contributes to my appreciation of the work I do daily. Over the years at Oswego Lake, each day has brought on new challenges and opportunities to learn and grow and taking on additional learning moments would benefit my work group and grow me in my career.

When I explain to people what I do for a living, they often have a difficult time to think beyond the mower. I know that many people do not recognize the importance of turf management and that it requires technical expertise and preparation for critical thinking and problem solving. I have taken on a lot of responsibilities of repairing damage on our course, irrigation issues, restoring grounds, aerating, gardening and now I would also like to find chances to progress and grow as a leader. I am interested in these courses to further my knowledge in irrigation, construction, and safety standards for pesticide application and allow my employer to see that I am interested in advancing in the company and be of greater value to the team.

I already feel fortunate that my employer has encouraged me to apply for this scholarship, as it means that they see potential in my personal and professional growth. Please consider awarding this scholarship to me or someone else on the Oswego Lake Country Club team.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aaron Kirschling  
Assistant Superintendent in Training at O.L.C.C



Nolan Wenker, CGCS  
20 Iron Mountain Blvd.  
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September 24, 2021

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Scholarship Committee  
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Oregon GCSA Scholarship Committee,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Aaron Kirschling as a strong recommendation for his selection of the OGCSA/OSU Turfgrass management PACE Course Scholarship. Aaron would be an ideal PACE Course Scholarship recipient for many reasons, a few of which I will outline below in three key areas: Dedication, Leadership and Growth.

Aaron has been a key staff member at Oswego Lake CC on the Greens crew since May 22, 2002. In his nearly 20 years of dedicated service to our membership, Aaron has seen many changes and assumed many roles in our operation without hesitation. I have personally worked alongside Aaron for over four of these years as his direct supervisor and can attest to his desire to succeed in being a Turfgrass Manager. While Aaron is committed to providing our members the best private club experience possible, he is also committed to elevating those around him to be their best.

As mentioned previously, Aaron has seen many operational changes throughout his nearly 20 years of employment at Oswego Lake CC. During these changes, Aaron has stepped up and taken more and more responsibility and roles from crew member to Irrigation Tech to his current title of Assistant Superintendent in Training as of May 2021. Aaron is viewed as a leader at Oswego Lake CC and shows it on a daily basis by training new and more tenured staff alike.

Aaron's continued growth within our operation and the industry would be greatly aided with his selection for the PACE Scholarship. While Aaron has many years of operational experience and knowledge, he would benefit greatly and desires to gain from the educational foundation provided by the OSU Pace Course. Thank you for providing this opportunity to such a highly qualified candidate.

Respectfully submitted,

Nolan Wenker, CGCS  
Oswego Lake CC

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