

**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 PRELLWITZ Date 9/25/21

Club: OSVEGO LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

Preferred Mailing (Club or home) Address

PO BOX 1622

City BORING State OR Zip 97009

Cell Phone ( ) 415-577-5890 Email AARONPRELLWITZ@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
SEASONAL GREENSKEEPER	GLENDONVEER	8/2008 - 10/2010
GREENSKEEPER	ORCHARD HILLS CC	11/2010 - 2/2014
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	GLENDONVEER	2/2014 - 11/2017
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	OSWEGO LAKE CC	12/2017 - CURRENT

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

GOLF, DISC GOLF, HOME IMPROVEMENT ☺

### 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?

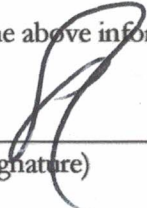
### Section 5 – Oregon GCSA Member letter of recommendation

**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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature)

9/25/21  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



Aaron Prellwitz  
Oswego Lake Country Club  
Assistant Superintendent  
PO Box 1622  
Boring, OR 97009

Oregon GCSA  
Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 1556  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Oregon GCSA Scholarship Committee,

I love to learn. After a distinct career change and several years as a seasonal greenskeeper, I landed my first full time position as a greenskeeper. In an effort to learn as much as possible and advance my new found love of maintaining golf courses, I started taking the most relatable courses I was able to fit into my life at the time. After a couple years of night classes I earned a Landscape Service Technician Certificate from Portland Community College. Although this education was very beneficial, offering a spectrum of classes from basic biology, soils and plant identification, it wasn't exactly geared towards what I was looking for... a true Turfgrass Management Program.

About a decade later, I have come a long way in my career and my love for learning has only grown stronger. I have advanced to the prestigious position of Assistant Superintendent at Oswego Lake Country Club where I work under the guidance of a truly impressive Turfgrass Manager. Ultimately, I am in pursuit of a position as a Golf Course Superintendent. I believe I have the vision, drive and people skills to be a successful Superintendent, but I know that I still have much to learn about maintaining turfgrass and all related aspects. Personally and professionally, I am concerned that not having a Horticulture/Turfgrass Management Degree will inhibit my goal of becoming a Golf Course Superintendent.

The PACE Turfgrass Management Program is an ideal opportunity for me to incorporate furthering my education in a way that I can manage within my life. I strongly believe that completing the program will strengthen my knowledge base and help enable me to advance my career to the next level while being a good steward of the environment in the process. I have attended Oregon State University's Turfgrass Field Days for several years now and I am always impressed by the educators and researchers that are on staff there. Those opportunities to hear about their research and how well they are able to convey their findings to us in a relatively short span of time makes me want to get more involved with them. If I was able to become a traditional student and attend OSU in person, I would do so. However, as my life operates now, the PACE Turfgrass Management Program will allow me to better myself in a way that works for me.

My impression of the courses offered is that they will provide a well rounded foundation of knowledge, covering the essentials for any Golf Course Superintendent or Turfgrass Manager. As an Assistant Superintendent I am active in applying various

products on our golf course, operating and maintaining the irrigation system, installing drainage and making decisions regarding day to day maintenance operations. I believe that completing this program will provide me with the principles involved in why we do what we do to achieve the desired results in an environmentally responsible manner.

I thank you for taking the time to consider me for this tremendous educational opportunity and I look forward to learning more about my chosen career path in Turfgrass Management.

Sincerely



Aaron Frellwitz

Nolan Wenker, CGCS  
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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 of recommendation on behalf of Aaron Prellwitz and his desire to further his knowledge and career in awarding him the OGCSA/OSU Turfgrass Management Pace Course Scholarship. The opportunity to obtain this scholarship would provide Aaron with solid foundational and institutional knowledge that will aid in advancing his career goals and add value to his current role at Oswego Lake CC.

I have had the pleasure of working directly alongside Aaron for the past 4 years as my First Assistant Superintendent at Oswego Lake CC. From his first day, Aaron has demonstrated his leadership skills and industry knowledge solidifying himself as a top Assistant Superintendent in our region. These demonstrated skills have been further displayed when Aaron was selected by his peers as the 2019 OGCSA Assistant Superintendent of the year. Prior to his current role, Aaron has excelled at positions such as Assistant Superintendent at Glendoveer Golf Course (4 years) and various crew positions at both Glendoveer and Orchard Hills CC (5 years). His educational background into our field consists of a Landscape Service Technician Certificate from Portland Community College (2012).

As a current member of both the OGCSA and GCSAA, Aaron has exhibited his dedication and drive to succeed in the golf maintenance side of the turfgrass industry. He has earned the respect and trust of the crew and his industry peers. I fully believe that with educational opportunities such as the OGCSA/OSU Turfgrass Management Pace Course Scholarship, Aaron will continue to grow as a knowledgeable leader for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Nolan Wenker, CGCS  
Oswego Lake CC

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