

Standard Operating Procedures

Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series Scholarship

1. **PURPOSE:** To identify and support an Oregon GCSA member or an employee of an Oregon GCSA member interested in a furthering their knowledge in the turfgrass management profession and provide them with a scholarship to the full series registration for the Oregon State University (OSU) Turfgrass Management PACE courses. This award is extended to the Oregon GCSA from the OSU Turfgrass program, Associate Professor, Dr. Alec Kowalewski and administered by the Board of Directors of the Oregon GCSA.
2. **COMPOSITION:** Oregon GCSA Oregon State University (OSU) Turfgrass Management PACE course scholarship will be awarded to the most outstanding applicant in an annual competition based on eligibility and selection criteria indicated below. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and submitted to the Oregon GCSA Board of Directors for final approval. All decisions of the committee will be final. Application deadline will be September 30 of each year. Applicants will be notified of their status by Mid-October of the year submitted.
3. **ELIGIBILITY**
 - Applicant must be a class A, B, C, Oregon GCSA member or an active employee of such member.
4. **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**
 - Applicants must submit an original letter of interest of up to 500 words. The letter of interest must be original and not previously submitted to the Oregon GCSA.
 - Applicants that are employees of Oregon GCSA members must also submit a letter of recommendation from sponsoring member.
 - Applicants that are current members of Oregon GCSA must also submit a letter of recommendation from an industry peer, club management or club member.
 - Applicants will be evaluated based on employment history in golf course maintenance/landscape/equipment management field and desire to advance in the industry.
 - Financial need is not a factor in the selection.
5. **SELECTION PROCESS**
 - The Scholarship Committee shall evaluate and score the applications. Based on the scores, a ranking of all applicants will be established.
 - It shall be the responsibility of a committee member to refrain from judging if he/she feels there is a personal bias on their part. If an employee of the selection committee is applying the committee member must excuse themselves from selection committee and will be replaced by another Oregon GCSA board member.
 - Applicants will be evaluated using the PACE Course Scholarship Rubric. The scoring rubric is scored (1-10) and weighted on the following items: Section 4: Letter of Interest (Item weight factor - 10); Section 3: Letter of Recommendation (Item weight factor - 5); Section 3: Work History (Item weight factor - 2); Application Neatness (Item weight factor - 1)

- **How to Apply**

Applicants must complete and submit the attached application form and supply the following under one cover:

1. Typed original letter of interest (up to 500 words) covering why they are interested in completing the Oregon State University (OSU) Turfgrass Management PACE course.
2. Letter of recommendation.
3. All applications must be postmarked by September 15 of the year submitted.
4. Send or email the packet to:

Oregon GCSA
P.O. Box 1556
Oregon City, OR 97045
Phone: (503) 344-6535
Email: ogcsa@ogcsa.org

Recipients will be notified in early October.

Scholarships will be recognized as the recipient and presented at the Annual Meeting of the Oregon GCSA, in May. Recipients will receive complementary registration to the event.

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

1. Read the application instructions carefully.
2. Have your application arrive as early as possible.
3. Provide all the information required. Do not submit an incomplete application.
4. Do not include extra items.
5. Proof all materials. Have one or two other people proof your letter of interest. Use spell check.
6. Typed applications are preferred.
7. Be neat.
8. Use white paper. Do not use staples.
9. Make copies of your finished application for reference.

Deadline for Submitting Application

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed by September 15.

The Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management Application Form

Please type this form

Section 1 – Applicant Information

Name Ramon Barron Dominguez Date 08/20/24

Club: Bar Run Golf and Resort

Preferred Mailing (Club or home) Address

196 Ash st

City Roseburg State OR Zip 97471

Cell Phone () 541-802-6145 Email ramondominguez2004@icloud.com

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


Name of Member Barry Adams

Club: Bar Run Golf and Resort

Cell Phone () 541-784-8873 Email agrastus@yahoo.com

Member Since June 1993
(Month/Year)

Current Classification Superintendent

Member's Signature 

Section 3 – Work History & Activities

List in chronological order work history in related turfgrass industry

Type of work	Employer	Employment dates
Greenskeeper/landscaper	Roseburg Country Club	June 2021- August 2022
Greenskeeper	Umpqua Golf Courses	September 2022- march 2023
Greenskeeper	Bar Run Golf and Resort	April 2023- Now

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

~~I ride sportbikes and i do different non profit events with motorcycles. Ive been apart of adopt a highway~~

~~In the Central Oregon Sportbike group~~

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)

9/04/24
(Date)

Ramon B. Dominguez
Bar Run Golf & RV Resort
620 Shady Dr. Roseburg Or, 97471

9/9/2024

I'm looking to further my career in turf grass management adding to what I've learned already as a greens keeper. From working on a golf course I have realized the amount of effort you put into your job reflects on the health of the grass. Whether It's working on the golf course or playing all 18 holes it's nice to look at your work and know it's paying off. A lot of people don't like going into work, instead wanting to work from home but, I never dread going to work. Especially in this industry I find it fascinating in all the techniques and different efforts put into the golf course whether its aerification, punching holes,harvesting cores, or dethatching greens to me it is something I'd like to make a career out of. I would also like to become a superintendent so I can further share my knowledge and be the best for my future employees. I am interested in this course to become a superintendent in order to further my passion.

**Barry Adams Golf Course Superintendent
Bar Run Golf & RV Resort
620 Shady Drive
Roseburg, Oregon 97471**

August 19, 2024

To PACE Scholarship committee:

Ramon Dominguez has been a valuable crew member at Bar Run Golf & RV Resort for the last year and a half. His duties encompass multiple aspects of golf course maintenance, making him invaluable to our operation. Ramon has expressed interest on multiple occasions regarding a career in golf course management.

The challenges of attracting outside talent to move to smaller communities, such as Roseburg require us to train and educate our local talent. The PACE program offered by Oregon State is perfect for Ramon allowing him to maintain his position while increasing knowledge of the industry. His dependability, hard work, and eagerness to learn more about turfgrass cultural practices make him a prime candidate for the PACE Scholarship.

Prior coming to Bar Run Golf & RV Resort, Ramon has worked at the Roseburg Country Club, Stewart Park Golf Course, Oak Hills Golf Course and Cougar Canyon Golf Course (formerly Myrtle Creek GC). Ramon Dominguez is a "keeper." His contribution to my staff is significant and receiving the PACE Scholarship will increase his value and opportunities at Bar Run Golf & RV Resort.

I am recommending Ramon Dominguez for consideration to receive the PACE Scholarship award.

Sincerely,



**Barry Adams
Golf Course Superintendent
Bar Run Golf & RV Resort**