The MGCSA Scholarship Fund, originating in 1987, is now taking applications for the 2001-2002 scholarship year.

The MGCSA scholarship is an annual grant awarded to candidates interested in pursuing a career in golf course management. Students that possess high scholastic capabilities and have superior performance as an employee on the golf course are encouraged to apply.

Turf Student Scholarships will be available to students completing the first year of a two-year turfgrass technical program or students completing the second year of a four-year or baccalaureate program with a major emphasis in turf management. Candidates must be a resident of Minnesota or be employed by a MGCSA member. The MGCSA Scholarship Committee processes and determines recipients for the scholarships. Applicants for these scholarships have until July 1 to return completed applications to the MGCSA business office. The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association will also have monies available for turf scholarships.

Two $1,000 Legacy Scholarships will be awarded for the 2001-02 school year. One Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship of $1,250 is renewable for a second year in the recipient completes an application and meets the minimum standards set by the Citizens Scholarship Foundation. Also available is one $1,250 Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship to a new recipient.

Legacy Scholarships are processed and determined by the Citizens Scholarship Foundation (CSF) of America. In no instance will any member of the MGCSA play a part in the confidential selection process of Legacy awards. These scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors or graduates who study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school. Recipients of the Joseph S. Garske award and at least one of the MGCSA awards must be children or grandchildren of Class AA, A, B, or C members (for at least three years) of the MGCSA. A child or grandchild who qualifies of Class D, Associate, or Affiliate members (for at least three years) of the MGCSA would also be eligible for the second MGCSA Legacy Scholarship. MGCSA Legacy awards are for one year only. However, students may re-apply to the program each year that they meet the requirements. The Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship is renewable for a second year if the recipient completes an application and meets the requirements set by CSF. Applications must be in by June 1, 2001.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership, and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals, and an outside appraisal. Students are eligible to apply for both a Turf Student Scholarship and a Legacy Scholarship, but are only allowed to receive one.

Applications for each of the scholarships are available on request by contacting the MGCSA business office. A personal photograph will be requested of successful applicants to accompany articles published in Hole Notes.