

## Scholarships and Updates

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### LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year GCSAA awards 20 Scholarships to children or grandchildren of a GCSAA member. The program is funded by GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) and supported by Syngenta. Each grant is for \$1,500.

The awards are based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities and leadership skills. Applicants must be enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher learning, or for high school seniors, accepted at such an institution for the next academic year.

Winners with Wisconsin ties are Katherine Barlow, University of Wisconsin Daughter of Jennifer and Jeff Barlow, CGCS, Waupaca Country

Club, Waupaca, and Kira Clunis, St. Olaf College (Northfield, Minn.) Daughter of Kevin Clunis, CGCS, Luck Golf Course.

### GCSAA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Each year GCSAA awards 17 Scholarships through the GCSAA Scholars Program, funded by the Environmental Institute for Golf's Robert Trent Jones Endowment to recognize outstanding students planning careers in golf course management.

Winners were selected to receive scholarship awards based on the final ranking in a competition judged by GCSAA's Scholarship Committee. Factors considered were academic achievement, potential to become a leading professional, employment his-

tory, extracurricular activities, and recommendations from a superintendent with whom the student has worked and a current academic advisor.

Applicants must be enrolled in a recognized undergraduate program in a major field related to golf/turf management and be a GCSAA member. Undergraduate applicants must have successfully completed at least 24 credit hours or the equivalent of one year of full-time study in an appropriate major.

Samuel Weber from Sturgeon Bay, WI who is attending Michigan State University was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Sam has worked at Cherry Hills Golf Course and Horseshoe Bay Golf Club and recently completed a internship at Garden City Golf Club.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to WGCSA member Garret Luck, CGCS on obtaining his Certification through the GCSAA. Garret is the Certified Golf Course Superintendent at North Shore Country Club in Mequon.

### THE SURVEY SAYS

The 2012 GCSAA Maintenance Budget Survey is available on the GCSAA website. This tool allows turf managers to compare their operations to others of similar location, size and budget.

The purpose of the Maintenance Budget survey is to establish baselines, trends and allocations of resources as they relate to golf course operational budgets and today's golf course management.

The online survey came out in February of 2012 and is based on responses from 2,024 members or a 24% response rate.

Respondents were asked to provide their total maintenance budget including all labor expenses and excluding capital expenditures. The nationwide average maintenance budget for an 18-hole golf course is \$696,524.

Although surveys do not increase bud-

Expenses	Percent of Budget
Labor	58%
Equipment Lease Expense	5%
Equipment Repair / Maintenance	4%
Fertilizer	5%
Fungicides	4%
Fuel and Lubricants	4%

**Labor is by far the biggest budget category for all courses.**

gets or match every need on your property, I encourage you to take a look at the numbers.


### DEADLINES

Nominations for The GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award are due Oct. 15th. The award goes to the individual, chapter or coalition/alliance that demonstrates outstanding advocacy or compliance efforts in government relations.

Applications for The Environmental

Leaders In Golf Award presented by GCSAA and Golf Digest in partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird are Due Oct. 19th.

Applications to serve on a GCSAA committee in 2013 are due October 24th. Committee service is a great way to learn more about GCSAA while giving a little time to the industry at no cost to you.

Information on this rewarding experience and all the items can be found at GCSAA.org 

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