

MGCSA Scholarship Committee Institutes Legacy Scholarship for Its Members

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The MGCSA Scholarship Committee has developed a program for instituting Legacy Scholarships available to grandchildren and children of MGCSA members.

One Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 and three Legacy scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be granted to children/grandchildren that meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarship.

We also will be issuing two \$1,000 scholarships to students in turf-related classes as we have done in the past. The only change in requirements for that scholarship become, instead of completion of the first year of a two-year turfgrass technical program or completion of the second of a four-year program with major emphasis in turf management, a student may now apply if they are beginning or have completed their first year in a two-year turfgrass technical program or completion of the second or third year of a four year program with major emphasis in turf management.

Candidates also must be residents of Minnesota or be employed by a MGCSA member superintendent. Students will be eligible to apply for both the turf scholarships and the legacy scholarships, but will only be able to receive one.

Legacy scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or students who are already enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. They must be children / grandchildren of Class AA, A, B, C, D, Associate, and Affiliate members who have been in the MGCSA at least five years.

These awards will not be renewable. However, students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements. 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.

Selection of recipients are made by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America. In no instance will any member of the MGCSA play a part in the selection. Three scholarships will go to Class AA, A, B and C members having qualified applicants, with one award going to a Class D, associate or affiliate members having a qualified applicant. Qualified students may apply for

either the turf scholarships or the legacy scholarships by calling or writing the MGCSA office and requesting the proper application. Applicants for legacy awards will have until June 1 to return application forms to Scholarship Management Services. Applicants for turf scholarships will have until July 1 to return applications to the MGCSA business office.

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