

# GCSAA's 2001 "Footsteps on the Green" Recipients Announced

The GCSAA Foundation's Footsteps on the Green program recognizes this year's first and second place winners, Brian Schultz, turf management student at South Dakota State University, and Peter J. Rappoccio, crop, soil and environmental sciences student at Virginia Polytechnical Institute and University.

The program offers educational aid to the children and grandchildren of GCSAA members who are following in their parents'/grandparents' footsteps in the golf course management profession. To help further education, the first place winner of the competition receives a \$3,500 scholarship and the second place winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship. The awards are funded by The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association and administered by The GCSAA Foundation.

Brian is the son of Douglas Schultz, golf course superintendent at Will Creek Golf Course in LeMars, Iowa.

Peter is the son of Peter R. Rappoccio, certified golf course superintendent at Silver Springs Country Club in Ridgefield, Conn.

To be eligible for the scholarships, one or more of the applicant's parents or grandparents must have been a GCSAA member for five or more consecutive years and remain active. Each applicant must be a full-time student enrolled in a major field related to golf/turf management, must have completed 12 credit hours in a major field of study (sophomore, junior or senior) and pursuing a career in golf course management.

Applicants are evaluated based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community involvement, which may include membership in one of GCSAA's 50 student chapters. The applicants also must complete a short, 100-word essay on why they have chosen a career in golf course management and describe their own observations, insights and expectations about the profession and their career goals.

Founded in 1900, the **Trans-Mississippi Golf Association** is one of the oldest and most prestigious golf organizations in the United States. As one of the first golf organizations to recognize the necessity to educate qualified men and women in golf course management and turf research, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association has sponsored its Turf Scholarship Program since 1962. This scholarship program encourages agronomy and horticulture students to pursue golf course management and supervision as a career, places a special emphasis on turf management and grass culture, awards scholarships to deserving students, helps graduates find jobs and seeks to uplift

the image of the profession.

The GCSAA Foundation enhances the game of golf through funding applied research and advanced education in golf course management. Since its inception in 1955, The GCSAA Foundation has provided more than \$2 million in support of numerous research studies and more than 1,200 student scholarships.

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