



PROMOTING SPORTS TURF CAREERS

SPORTS TURF ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDING FOR 2006

The Sports Turf Association is a professional association committed to the promotion of safe, natural sports turf through education and professional programs. In order to further this goal, the STA established a Scholarship Program in 1993 and has since awarded 24 scholarships. In the past, we have provided scholarships in two specific programs of study: the University of Guelph's Turf Managers' Short Course and the Ontario Diploma in Horticulture.

To continue to encourage, support and provide leadership to those considering a career in the sports turf industry, the STA has restructured its Scholarship Program, expanding it to include additional programs of study. Beginning in 2006, one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 may be awarded annually.

The Scholarship Program is funded through STA membership fees. The award is intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books and related expenses.

For those currently furthering their education, we encourage you to apply for the STA Scholarship if you:

- are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- are currently enrolled in and have completed one full year of education

in a post-secondary program in turf management at a recognized college or university in Canada; or, have completed the University of Guelph's Turf Managers' Short Course, or equivalent, in the current year;

- have been employed in the sports turf industry in the current year (including seasonal employment) by a member of the Sports Turf Association;
- have a desire to pursue a career in the sports turf industry.

For those who do not fit the above criteria, please pass along information about this opportunity to applicable employees including students.

Scholarship Policies

- Scholarships are non renewable.
- Candidates will be judged on the basis of the information contained in their Scholarship Application Form and support material.
- Applications must be received by November 1, 2006 for consideration.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Announcement of the scholarship recipient will be made at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Scholarship Application Requirements.

Applicants must submit:

- A completed STA Scholarship Application Form;
- An official transcript of their grades for the previous year in the required program of study;
- A letter of recommendation a) from their employer who is a member of the Sports Turf Association; and, b) from their academic advisor;
- A typed essay, 1200-1500 words in length, on a sports turf related topic of their choice.

PREVIOUS SPORTS TURF ASSOCIATION RECIPIENTS...

Turf Managers' Short Course

Lorelie Eckel-Braun (1994)
 Tommy Joe Coffey, Jr. (1995)
 Gordon Noble (1995)
 Stuart Roberts (1996)
 Kim Nihls (1996)
 Robert Crump (1997)
 Derek Jazic (1997)
 Perry Davie (1998)
 Gordon Bruce (1998)
 Howie Kumagai (1999)
 Karen Richter (2000)
 John D'Ovidio (2001)
 John Peek (2002)
 Tennessee Propedo (2003)
 (No recipient in 2004)
 Jeff Fortune (2005)

Ontario Diploma in Horticulture

Kevin McLeod (1997)
 Duncan Graham (1998)
 Brian Brown (1999)
 Robert Gill (2000)
 Gerald Rees (2001)
 Craig Hirschberger (2002)
 Glen Kralka (2003)
 Randy McCord (2004)
 John Marshall (2005)

Applications will be available online...

