

Iowa Arborist Association

Scholarship Program

Scholarship Objective

To provide a scholarship that can assist students pursuing a higher education in fields related to professional tree care and maintenance. This scholarship program is broken into two categories:

- 1) College Scholarship, which provides funds for tuition and books.
- 2) Conference Awards, which will provide funds for registration and hotel room costs for Iowa Arborist Association (IAA), Shade Tree Short Course, Midwestern International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) conferences or other educational conferences.

Students are encouraged to apply for both categories.

Amount of the Award

- 1) College scholarship—the maximum award provided for one academic year will be \$500.00, provided in a single payment during the fall semester or quarter.
- 2) Conference award—will cover the cost of the conference with a maximum award of \$250.00.

Administration of Scholarships

A Scholarship Committee (comprised of Iowa Arborists Association Members) will be responsible for screening and selecting scholarship winners. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall be solely responsible for the number of individual scholarships awarded, and depending on the quality of the applicant pool and funding may choose to offer zero scholarships in any given year.

Application Instructions-College Scholarship

Each applicant is responsible for all of the following materials being received by the Scholarship Selection Committee post-marked on or before the February 15th deadline.

- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the College/University.
- An official transcript(s) of courses and grades covering all courses up to the time of applying for this scholarship.

This scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable grant. Any tax obligation arising from the award is the responsibility of the recipient. Applicants must be full-time sophomores, juniors, or seniors enrolled in college. No application will be considered until all materials have been received by the Scholarship Selection Committee on or before the annual meeting each year for fall enrollment of that year. No application materials post-marked after February 15th will be considered.

All applicants will be notified of their status at the IAA annual meeting, which is held in conjunction with the Shade Tree Short Course.

This scholarship is awarded for the purpose of attending a specific institution to study arboriculture, urban forestry, forestry, horticulture or related fields. This scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or people with limited ability. All applicants must be residents and students within the state of Iowa.

College scholarship recipients will be required to write an article for the IAA's newsletter. The article should be about 1) the conference they attended or 2) their experience at the school they are attending and/or their career goals.

Application Instructions-Conference Award

- Each applicant is responsible for all of the following materials being received by the Scholarship Selection Committee at least one month before the conference.
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the College/University.
- An official transcript(s) of courses and grades covering a period of at least one full semester/quarter just prior to applying for this scholarship.

This conference award is a one-time, non-renewable grant. Any tax obligation arising from the award is the responsibility of the recipient. Applicants must be full-time freshman, sophomores, juniors, or seniors enrolled in college. No application will be considered until the Scholarship Selection Committee has received all materials. All applicants will be notified of their status as soon as possible after application deadline.

This award is for the purpose of attending a conference to study arboriculture, urban forestry, forestry, horticulture or related fields. This scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or people with limited ability. All applicants must be residents and students within the state of Iowa.

Conference award recipients will be required to write an article for the IAA's newsletter. The article should be about the conference they attended.

Iowa Arborist Association Scholarship Application

APPLICANT TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: (Please type or print clearly and attach additional pages or information if needed.)

_____ College Scholarship

_____ Conference Award

(Check one or both)

Personal Information:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

School address: _____
(Name of School)

_____ Street/PO Box (City)

_____ (State) (Zip Code) (School Phone #)

Home address: _____
(Street/PO Box) (City)

_____ (State) (Zip Code) (Home Phone#)

Educational Information:

Year in school: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate

Current grade point average: _____

Type of degree to be received: _____

Major field to receive degree in: _____

What scholastic honors have you received? _____

What extra curricular activities are you involved in? _____

What is your class load/course schedule for the school year? (Courses and number of hours taking for the semester) _____

Employment Information: List places employed, time worked, job duties, etc. (attach additional sheets if necessary) _____

What are your career goals: Include a resume of your future plans, why you have chosen arboriculture, urban forestry, forestry, horticulture or related field as your profession. Include other pertinent information to aid the Selection Committee in evaluating you as a scholarship candidate: _____

Briefly explain how this scholarship will assist you with your college career and/or with your professional career? _____

Applicant: I, the undersigned, have read the information concerning this scholarship and I understand the application instructions and governing rules. I agree to allow, upon selection, my name and general descriptions from the scholarship application to be used for promoting this scholarship program.

(Signature)

(Date)

Approved by: (Approval will be by a professor or Dean of the Arboriculture, Urban Forestry, Forestry, Horticulture or related field(s) program, familiar with the applicant)

I have reviewed this application and verify that it meets the minimum guidelines and requirements of the Iowa Arborist Association for granting scholarships.

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

Please return your completed application to:

Iowa Arborist Association
P.O. Box 42
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314