



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY GCSA VALLEY FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

The MVGCSA Valley Futures program offers currently employed turf professionals in the greater St. Louis Metropolitan golf course industry who do not currently have an education in Horticulture, agronomy, plant science and/or a related field, the opportunity to pursue that education through a grant provided by the association.

The heart of the Valley Futures Scholarship is to develop a pipeline of new Assistant Superintendents and Golf Course Superintendents that will fill a large need in our local market. By providing these eager individuals with the financial opportunity to obtain a formal education, the MVGCSA is strengthening our local golf courses while positively impacting our community.

Applicants will be judged based on their professional achievements, employment history, leadership, and the content and composition of their scholarship application as determined by the Scholarship and Research Committee. Please complete this application as thoroughly as possible and review the additional criteria for application as stated on the MVGCSA website at www.mvgcsa.com. This completed application along with a 500 word essay explaining why you should be awarded a scholarship should be submitted **before May 31st, 12:00 PM**. Applicants cannot be currently enrolled in a higher education program, those applicants should consider either the Turfgrass or Legacy Scholarship.

Applicant's Information

Please complete all information listed below. **Application must be typed** (both WORD & PDF formats available online at www.mvgcsa.com).

Date: _____

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Scholarship Applying For: Valley Futures

Employment History

It is important that this information be complete and in chronological order.

Name of Workplace	Location	Title	Dates Employed

Name of college / program you plan to attend _____

What will be your major, area of focus? _____

What degree are you pursuing? associates bachelor's certificate program

What is your anticipated graduation date (month/year): _____

List any professional achievements you have received during your employment history.

List any outside of work activities in which you have participated (associations, continuing education, community service, hobbies, areas of interest) Please note any honors or distinctions you received related to these activities.

Please list 3-4 references that MVGCSA may contact regarding your application.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Workplace</u>	<u>Relationship to Applicant</u>
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Interests and Employment

What stimulated your initial interest in golf and the turf profession? _____

Why do you believe the MVGCSA should grant you a scholarship? (Please submit your 500 word essay to satisfy this request.) **NOTE: Presentation of this essay/autobiography will be a factor in the evaluation of your application.**

What are your plans upon graduation? _____

What are your long term professional goals with your intended degree? _____

Are you a member of the Mississippi Valley GCSA? Yes No

Are you a member of GCSAA? Yes No

Do you currently work for an MVGCSA member? Yes No

If yes, name and facility _____

What is the total anticipated cost of tuition for your proposed education, from start to completion? _____

What is the total anticipated time to complete proposed education, from start to completion? _____

Education History

It is important that this information be complete and in chronological order.

<u>School</u>	<u>Degree / Major</u>	<u>Graduated/Completed?</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Are you currently enrolled in any college/ program now? Yes No If yes, which college? _____

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach at least two letters of recommendation from employers and/or academia.

WAIVER

I hereby confirm that all information provided on this application is correct and I understand that any false information automatically disqualifies me from eligibility. I agree to notify the Mississippi Valley GCSA immediately when my educational program is interrupted or changed in any manner that might jeopardize the interest of the scholarship award. I hereby give the Mississippi Valley GCSA permission to share this information for the purpose of recruitment, public relations and reports.

Signature of Applicant

Date

To be considered for a MVGCSA Scholarship, please include **ALL** the following information at the time of application submission:

- completed MVGCSA Scholarship application
- 500 word essay – business letter form
- Professional Resume
- photo – jpg format requested
- Proposed education description, schedule and total cost (if applicable)
- (2) letters of recommendation (min)

by

May 31st, 12:00 PM

Submit to:

MVGCSA
924 Waggoner Avenue
Jerseyville, Illinois 62052-1391

or

mvgcsa@gmail.com