

IOWA SPORTS TURF MANAGER'S ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Information for College Applicants

General

The ISTMA provides a grant to advance education and science in the field of turfgrass management. The goal is to identify and recognize outstanding students who plan careers in sports turf management or related field.

Criteria for Selection

The ISTMA Scholarship Committee evaluates each applicant on:

- Academic excellence/G.P.A.
- Appropriate career preparation
- Potential to make an outstanding professional contribution.
- Essay question evaluation
- Class rank
- Reports from Academic Advisor and Employers report

Eligibility

All applications for scholarship grants, shall be currently enrolled in Turfgrass Management or related curriculums at Iowa Universities/College, Iowa Area Technical Schools, and Iowa Community Colleges.

How to Apply

Students must complete the application form and provide recommendations from collegiate advisors. Letters of recommendation are encouraged. The ISTMA scholarship committee will review each application each fall. Applications are evaluated based on the criteria listed above without regard to race, sex, creed, age or national origin.

Instructions for Applicants

1. The deadline for applicants is October 31st. All materials in this form and reports, must be received at the Iowa Turfgrass Office on or before this date.
2. All portions of this form must be neatly typed.
3. Answers to essay questions must be limited to 100 words or less.
4. Type your response to questions 1 - 6 on a standard (8 ½ x 11") white paper. Make sure to clearly identify what portion of the form your additional pages relate to.
5. The form must be completed and given to your advisor by October 15th. The advisor will write a support letter and rank you with the other students. **You are responsible for ensuring that the advisor completes and submits the form to be received by October 31st.**
6. The Sports Turf Manager's report should be completed by a sports turf manager for whom you have previously worked. Or, a previous employer in a related field. Again, the form must be returned to the Iowa Turfgrass Office by your previous employer or forwarded with your application in a sealed envelope.
7. Contact the Iowa Turfgrass Office at (515) 232-8222 if you have any questions.

Mail applications to: Iowa Turfgrass Office
17017 US Highway 69
Ames, Iowa 50010-9294

ISTMA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please type this entire form.

Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ (_____) _____

Campus Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Campus Phone _____ (_____) _____

School where you are enrolled _____

Current major _____

Grade Point Average _____

Planned Degree _____

Date you plan to complete this degree _____

Name of Advisor _____

What degree(s), if any, do you already hold? (List degree, major and school)

Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Essay Questions (please retype question with your answer)

1. What stimulated your initial interest in the sports turf management profession?
2. Why did you choose your current major?
3. What do you expect from a career as a sports turf manager?
4. What are your goals in the next 10 years?
5. What special contributions could you make to our profession?

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the committee's decision will be final.

Signed: _____

(Full Name of Applicant)

The applicant is responsible for the timely submittal of the application to their Advisor and Sports Turf Manager. This must be delivered to appropriate sports turf manager and advisor with a request that the forms be completed and returned to:

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List any academic distinctions and honors you have received:

High School

College

List school or college activities in which you have participated (athletics, clubs, school paper, fine arts, etc.).

High School

College

List activities outside of school or college (turf associations, clubs, community, etc., and any offices held).

List employment you have held in the past four years. Include military experience.

| Type of Work | Employer and Address Supervisor and Phone Number | Employed From/To |
|--------------|---|---------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

In what ways have you contributed toward your financial support while in school or college?

While in college, are you contributing toward anyone else's support?

List any other scholarships awarded:

| Scholarship | Sponsor | Date | Amount |
|-------------|---------|-------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |

I certify the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the committee's decision will be final.

Signed: _____
(Full Name of Applicant)

The applicant is responsible for the timely submittal of the attached Sports Turf Managers/Employer Report and Advisors Report. These must be delivered to the appropriate manager/employer and advisor with a request that the forms be completed and returned to: Iowa Turfgrass Office, 17017 US Highway 69, Ames, IA 50010-9294.

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Academic Advisor's Report

(Please type entire form)

Deadline - Must be received by October 31st

Candidate _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This report should be made by the advisory designated by the candidate. Please mail the completed report to the address as the bottom of this form. All responses are confidential.

How well does this applicant work independently? _____

Does the applicant have well-defined objectives? _____

Does the applicant exhibit leadership qualities? _____

Has the applicant been a superior, good, indifferent, or poor citizen of the school? _____

Does the applicant intend to pursue sports turf management as a career? _____

How would you rate the applicant? _____ In a class of _____
(Number in Class)

The goal of the ISTMA is to identify tomorrow's leading professionals. Does this applicant meet that goal? Why?

I do _____ do not _____ recommend that this student be granted a scholarship.

Signed _____

School _____ Date _____

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Sports Turf Manager's Report

Deadline - Must be postmarked by October 31st

Candidate _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Character and Personality Ratings

| | Below Average | Average | Good | Excellent (top 10% but not top 2-3%) | Truly Outstanding (top 2-3%) |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Motivation | | | | | |
| Creative Qualities | | | | | |
| Self-discipline | | | | | |
| Growth Potential | | | | | |
| Leadership | | | | | |
| Self-confidence | | | | | |
| Concern for others | | | | | |

The goal of the ISTMA is to identify tomorrow's leading professionals. Does this applicant meet that goal? Why?

Would this person, in your opinion, be a positive influence on the profession as a sports turf manager? Why?

Would you hire this candidate? _____

Name _____ Signature _____

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