



**2008
Scholarship
Application**

THE LAWN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholarship Background

The Lawn Institute Foundation conducts a yearly scholarship program to administer endowed scholarship funds. All scholarships are administered under the guidelines set forth by the donor.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Henry W. Indyk Scholarship/Provided by Turf Producers International

The Dr. Henry W. Indyk Scholarship was established to honor a founding father of Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) while benefiting all TPI Members with assisting them in paying for the higher education of their immediate family or designated staff. TPI would like to ensure that each scholarship application submitted is as informative as possible to provide adequate information about the candidate to scholarship judges.

ELIGIBILITY

- Limited to one applicant per TPI company membership per year.
- Available to immediate family of TPI Class “A”, “B”, and “C” members or designated staff.
- Candidate selected at the discretion of the TPI member primary representative or owner who may designate an immediate family member or a non-family company individual.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current high school senior attending college for the first time in the upcoming school year.
- Current undergraduate or post-graduate attending college in the upcoming school year.
- Enrollment in any accredited public or private college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Full-time student status.
- Specialized study in turf industry is not necessary, though is encouraged.
- Minimum high school GPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).
- Deadline: March 21, 2008.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Complete electronic scholarship application, print hardcopy and send via postal mail.
- Two written essays: 300-500 words each, double-spaced, typed.
Essay Topic:
 1. *How do you see the turfgrass industry changing in the future?*
 2. *How has the turfgrass industry affected your life?*
- One academic faculty/staff reference.
- Certified copy of most recent high school or collegiate transcript.
- Submitted applications will be screened for requirements and proper grammar, punctuation, etc.
- ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***

AWARD PROCEDURES

- Winners will be announced at the TPI Summer Convention and Field Days in July.
- Scholarship winners may not win two years in a row.
- A check will be made payable to the student once the first term grade reports are submitted. Mid term is acceptable. *The marks given will have no bearing on the money rewarded. The report will simply prove enrollment and attendance. (Note: If student withdraws from school, all relevant school refunds must be returned to The Lawn Institute)*
- \$10,000 in total is available for distribution at the discretion of the selection committee.



THE LAWN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

Home Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Home Phone: Email:

Parent/Guardian:

Social Security Number: Male Female

Date of Birth:

II. ACADEMICS

High School/College:

City, State, Zip Code:

Class Rank: Number in Class GPA: on Scale

**** Attach most recent certified high school or collegiate transcript to this application ****

III. HIGHER EDUCATION

Institution of Higher Education:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Business Office or Admissions Contact:

Telephone:

Major Field of Study:

Minor Field of Study:

Have you been accepted to the above institution: YES NO



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IV. ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT

List any high school activities in which you are, or have been, involved with and list your position(s) or achievement(s) in each. (1=Freshman; 2=Sophomore; 3=Junior; 4=Senior)

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position(s)/Achievement(s)</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
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2)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4
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V. AWARDS & HONORS

List any awards and honors and the year that you received them.

	<u>Awards & Honors</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
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10)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



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VI. CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List any civic activities in which you are, or have been, involved with and list your position(s) or contribution(s) in each.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position(s)/Contribution(s)</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
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10) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VII. JOB EXPERIENCE

List any job(s) you have held and list the work you have done in each.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Job Duties</u>	<u>Dates of Employment</u>
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3) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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VIII. ESSAY

Scholarship applicants are required to write two essays on the following topics. Essay must be:

- No less than 300 words and no more than 500 words
- Double-spaced
- Typed

Essay Topics:

1. How do you see the turfgrass industry changing in the future?
2. How has the turfgrass industry affected your life?

Attach essays to the scholarship application.

IX. SUBMISSION AFFIRMATION

I affirm that I intend to enter an accredited school of higher education as a full-time student and that I propose to use the funds, if awarded, for that purpose. I understand that my enrollment must be completed within the current calendar year. I also understand that if I decide not to enter college during this upcoming year, that my scholarship award will be forfeited.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____

Applicant's Printed Name

Company Primary Representative Signature _____

Date: _____

Company Primary Representative Printed Name

Company Name *(as listed by TPI)*:

Scholarship application must be postmarked by March 21, 2008.

Return scholarship application to:

The Lawn Institute Scholarship Committee
2 East Main Street
East Dundee, IL 60118

Application can be faxed to (847)649-5555

For questions relating to this scholarship please call 1-800-405-8873 or email: info@thelawninstitute.org





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THE LAWN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION

TO THE APPLICANT

You must submit one (1) evaluation from a high school faculty member. Fill out the applicant portion of this recommendation form and then give the form to the person evaluating you.

Applicant Name: _____

High School/College: _____ Signature: _____

TO THE EVALUATOR

The person named above has applied for The Lawn Institute scholarship and has asked you to:

(1) evaluate his/her scholastic and leadership abilities and general character; (2) supply of letter of recommendation.

Please give your honest opinion of this student. Grade the applicant on a scale of 1-5 in the following categories. Check appropriate box:	Poor 1	Below Average 2	Average 3	Above Average 4	Exceptional 5
CATEGORY 1 - INVOLVEMENT					
Academics	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Activity Involvement	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Civic Involvement	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
CATEGORY 2 - CHARACTER					
Leadership	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Attitude	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Organization	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Reliability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Attendance	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Initiative	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
CATEGORY 3 - LETTER					

Please attach a short assessment of the applicant or letter of recommendation (include any particular strengths and weaknesses). We appreciate your candid appraisal. (300 words maximum)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____

Title: _____ Institution: _____

Institution Address: _____

Please return form and letter to:
(Must be postmarked by March 21, 2008)

The Lawn Institute Scholarship Committee
2 East Main Street
East Dundee, IL 60118



THE LAWN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP GRADING FORM - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ High School/College: _____

<i>Grade the applicant on a scale of 1-5 in the following categories. Check appropriate box:</i>	Poor 1	Below Average 2	Average 3	Above Average 4	Exceptional 5
II. ACADEMICS	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
III. HIGHER EDUCATION	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
IV. ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
V. AWARDS & HONORS	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
VI. CIVIC INVOLVEMENT	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
VII. JOB EXPERIENCE	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
VIII. ESSAY "TURFGRASS INDUSTRY CHANGES"					
Originality/Uniqueness	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Creativity	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Grammar/Spelling	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
RECOMMENDATION (ATTACHED)					
Category 1 - Involvement	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Category 2 - Character	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Category 3 - Letter	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
OVERALL SCORE BY JUDGE (COLUMN TOTALS)	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

Committee Member: _____ Date: _____



THE LAWN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP TOTALS - COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ High School/College: _____

	Judge # 1	Judge # 2	Judge # 3	Judge # 4	Judge # 5	ROW TOTALS
II. ACADEMICS	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
III. HIGHER EDUCATION	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
IV. ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
V. AWARDS & HONORS	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
VI. CIVIC INVOLVEMENT	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
VII. JOB EXPERIENCE	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
VIII. ESSAY "TURFGRASS INDUSTRY CHANGES"						
Originality/Uniqueness	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
Creativity	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
Grammar/Spelling	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
RECOMMENDATION (ATTACHED)						
Category 1 - Involvement	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
Category 2 - Character	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
Category 3 - Letter	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____
OVERALL SCORE BY JUDGE (COLUMN TOTALS)	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	_____

Committee Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

Overall Score: _____

Winner(1)

Runner-up(2)

No Award

(circle one)

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Scholarship Selection

- Scholarship applications will be judged by the Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarships awarded by The Lawn Institute Board are final.
- Remember, incomplete scholarship submissions will not be considered. The following is a checklist for your scholarship application and includes some suggestions to complete your application.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Completed hardcopy of electronic scholarship application
- Certified copy of high school or college transcript
- Essays: Double spaced, typed essay of 300-500 words on the topics:
 1. *How do you see the turfgrass industry changing in the future?*
 2. *How has the turfgrass industry affected your life?*

OTHER ITEMS:

- I have answered all applicable questions.
- I have completed the top portion of the Academic Faculty/Staff Reference Form.
- I have given the Academic Faculty/Staff Reference Form to my preferred reference provider.
- I have prepared and mailed my application by the deadline of March 21, 2008.
- I have been accepted to the academic institution listed.

OTHER HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

- Ask the person you intend to get a reference from well in advance of the deadline. Be sure to follow up with them. This will allow them adequate time to complete the reference form to best benefit you.
- To ensure your reference provider sends your Academic Faculty/Staff Reference Form to the appropriate address by March 21, 2008 be sure to attach a stamped, pre-addressed envelope.
- A good recommendation from your academic reference can do a lot to make up for deficiencies elsewhere in your application.
- Check the grammar and spelling in your application and your essay.
- Have someone proofread your application and essay. A second set of eyes will help find grammatical and typographical errors. This will improve the quality of your application.
- In your essays, remember to convey a sense of enthusiasm. Be creative in your style and confident in your abilities.

