

Link Award Application Booklet

General

The Idaho GCSA Link Award competition offers educational aid to the children of Idaho GCSA members, or to students enrolled in turf studies. The Idaho Golf Course Superintendents Association, at their discretion, administers the awards and determines the dollar amounts each year.

The Idaho GCSA Scholarship Committee will review applications. All decisions of the committee will be final. Scholarship recipients will receive the scholarship check with a letter of acknowledgement by June 15. All scholarship award checks will be made payable to the applicant.

Eligibility for applicants of either the Legacy Award or the Turf Award:

Legacy Award:

1. One or more of the applicant's parents must be a Idaho GCSA member and currently active for at least 12 months in one of the following classifications: AA, A – Golf Course Superintendent, SM- Golf Course Superintendent, C- Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, D-Allied, F-Associate or G-Honorary Life. The competition is open to natural or adoptive offspring of Idaho GCSA members. Children of deceased members are also eligible if the member was currently active at the time of his or her death.
2. The student must be enrolled full-time at an accredited institution of higher learning, or in the case of high school seniors, must be accepted at such an institution for the next academic year. Graduating high school seniors must attach a letter of acceptance to their application.
3. The Committee requests the recipient of the Legacy Award write a brief 'thank you' letter to the members of the Idaho Golf Course Superintendents Association. The letter should also contain a brief description of accomplishments during the scholarship period. The letter should be completed within one month from the end of the semester and may be published in the *Grass Clippings*.
4. Past winners are eligible to apply the following year.
5. Although any number of students from the same family may apply, only one student per family will be eligible to receive an award.

Turf Award:

1. The student must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning, or in the case of high school seniors, must be accepted at such an institution for the next academic year. Graduating high school seniors must attach a letter of acceptance to their application. OR
2. Students enrolled in an internet turf class are eligible to apply with proof of enrollment, and a letter from an employer or a turf adviser stating they have an affiliation to the turf industry.
3. An applicant receiving the Turf Award must maintain a 3.0 in core classes and a 2.0 GPA overall.
4. The Committee requests the recipient of the Turf Award write a brief 'thank you' letter to the members of the Idaho Golf Course Superintendents Association. The letter should also contain a brief description of accomplishments during the scholarship period. The letter should be completed within one month from the end of the semester and may be published in the *Grass Clippings*.
5. Past winners are eligible to apply the following year.
6. Although any number of students from the same family may apply, only one student per family will be eligible to receive an award.

Criteria for Selection for Legacy Award and Turf Award

1. Applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, extracurricular and community involvement, leadership and outside employment, and on his/her application.
2. The student's composition of an original 400-500 word essay on his/her future plans and any topic relating to the golf course industry. The essay must be original and not previously submitted to Idaho GCSA

3. Financial need is not a factor in the selection.
4. In the event that the Scholarship Committee feels that there are no qualified applicants during any given year, the award may be withheld during that year.

How to apply

Students must complete and submit the attached application form and supply the following under one cover:

1. Application must be typed, dated and signed.
2. All high school transcripts, or, official college transcripts (depending on most recent attended institution).
3. Typed original essay.
4. Graduating high school seniors must attach a collegiate letter of acceptance to their application.
5. Meet criteria as defined under each award.
6. Completed application form must be received in the Idaho GCSA office **anytime prior to, or on, April 15.**
7. Send packet to:

Idaho GCSA
Scholarship Committee – Link Legacy Award
P.O. Box 807, Lolo, MT 59847

The Idaho GCSA Link Award

Indicate if applying for Legacy _____ or Turf _____

Applicant's Statement

(Please type the entire form, complete all information and attach additional sheets as necessary.)

Section 1

Name _____ Date _____

Permanent Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Campus Phone _____

Section 2 – Member Relative Information (for Legacy Award)

Name of Member _____ Date _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member # _____ Current Classification _____ Member since _____

Member's Signature _____

Section 3

List in chronological order high schools attended, and/or colleges attended.

Name and location of institution	Dates attended	Grade point scale	Date of graduation or certificate completion*
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

* Actual or expected

Are you now attending college? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, have you been accepted for the fall semester? _____ Yes _____ No

Link Award – page 2 Please type

Last name _____

Which school? _____

What is/will be your major? _____

Do you qualify for instate tuition? _____ Yes _____ No Your approximate annual tuition? _____

List any academic distinctions and honors you have received during high school or college:

List school or college activities in which you have participated. Please note any honors or distinctions you have received: _____

List your activities outside of school or school or college (clubs, organizations, community, etc.):

List any offices held in school or community organizations:

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Last name _____

(Continued) List any offices held in school or community organizations:

List employment you have held since entering high school:

Type of work	Employer	Employed from - to
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List any other scholarships awarded:

Scholarship	Sponsor	Date	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Section 4 Essay

Attach a 400-600 word original essay about your future plans and any topic relating to the golf course industry. The essay must be original and not previously submitted to Idaho GCSA. Idaho GCSA reserves the right to reprint the essay in *The Grass Clippings* newsletter.

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Last name _____

Certification

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature

Date