



Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application

This annual scholarship program is administered by the
Trans-Mississippi Golf Association and its Turf Scholarship Fund

Application Deadline: September 14, 2012 (strictly followed)

Send completed scholarship applications and supporting documents to:

**Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Program
1201 Wakarusa, Suite B5
Lawrence, KS 66049**

(questions or inquiries to golf@trans-miss.com)

Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Program Information for Applicants

General

The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association first created its Turf Scholarship Fund in 1953 and two scholarships in the amount of \$300 were awarded. Over the following decades the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Fund has grown through donations and other means to a value in excess of one million dollars. The organization annually awards scholarships to students in the undergraduate study of golf course turf maintenance. Over 800 students have been assisted by the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Program.

Beginning in 2010, the program was enhanced to provide more significant value and support to the students given scholarship awards from the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund. Trans-Miss Scholars will be selected by the association's Scholarship Committee after an application process that will include a review of written materials and an oral interview of the finalists. The decision of the committee shall be final.

The 2012 Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholars will be selected and notified on or before December 1, 2011, with scholarship checks issued shortly thereafter (payable to both the scholar and their educational institution).

The scholarships to be awarded in 2012 with a total value of \$54,000 will be as follows:

The Vickers Scholar \$7,500

This is the first place award and will include a bronze sculpture of Old Tom Morris and other tangible gifts from the association.

Five Named Scholarships \$4,500

These five scholarships in the amount of \$4,500 each will be awarded to honor the contribution of certain individuals to the game of golf and the golf course management profession. These awards will also include a package of tangible gifts from the association.

Eight Trans-Miss Directors' Scholarships \$3,000

These eight scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each will be awarded to the remaining finalists. These awards will also include a package of tangible gifts from the association.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be an undergraduate student and currently enrolled in a two or more year accredited program related to golf course management.
2. The applicant must intend to seek full time employment as a golf course superintendent (or assistant) upon graduation.

Criteria for Selection

Applicants will be initially evaluated based on completeness of the application, academic achievement, extracurricular and civic activities, employment history and potential to become a golf course superintendent. This initial evaluation process will identify the 20 applicants to be reviewed by the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Committee. The Committee's judgment will be based on the preceding criteria plus recommendations of the applicant's academic advisor or professors and current or previous employers, along with the applicant's essay.

Financial need will not be considered.

Prior Trans-Miss Turf Scholars may be considered if still an undergraduate as of December 2012.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete and submit the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Program application and include the following in one submission:

1. Transcripts from all educational institutions for which grades were earned toward a degree in golf course management (note: this most likely means that high school transcripts are not relevant). These transcripts must include all course work through the summer session of 2012.
2. The Advisor's Report to be completed by the applicant's academic advisor or the head of the department. Please note the confidentiality procedure for this item.
3. The Superintendent's Report to be completed by a golf course superintendent for whom the applicant has worked. Prior work at a golf course is not a requirement, so this item may not apply. Please note the confidentiality procedure for this item.
4. The applicant's essay. This written submission is the applicant's opportunity to convey their interest in the profession of a golf course superintendent and describe their personal qualities and experiences that best suit them to the profession. The length, form and content of the essay are left to the applicant's discretion.
5. The entire application (including attachments) must be postmarked on or before **September 14, 2012**.
6. The application may be printed from the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association website (www.trans-miss.com) or requested from the association by email (golf@trans-miss.com) or phone (785-842-0155 ext. 202).
7. The application must be mailed or delivered to:

Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Program
1201 Wakarusa Drive, Suite B5
Lawrence, KS 66049
(785-842-0155 for FedEx or UPS deliveries)

Applicants should note the following:

1. If you have questions, email them to tmscholarships@gmail.com.
2. Be timely. Late applications will not be considered.
3. Be complete in your submission. You may type (preferred) or hand-write your application and/or essay. Readability, diction and punctuation are important.
4. Please avoid the use of staples. Assemble using a paper clip or other similar device.
5. Keep a copy of your entire application for your own future reference.
6. The application is designed to gather a minimal amount of information about the applicant. The applicant is encouraged to submit any information, endorsement, support or article that would help the Committee understand the applicant's history, experience, accomplishments or passion for the profession.

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This application may be typed or completed by hand by the applicant. Please answer all items. Supplemental pages may be used. The deadline for submission is postmarked by **September 14, 2012**.

Name _____

Citizenship: US Other (specify) _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Mailing address at school _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

School where you are currently enrolled _____

Current major _____

Name of your Academic Advisor _____

Your academic program: Associates degree Bachelors degree

Scheduled date to complete this degree: Month _____ Year _____

Cumulative GPA for your major: _____

Schools attended (high school, community or junior colleges, universities) listed by date:

Name of School	From	To	Date of Graduation	Degree	GPA

Note: submit a transcript of your classes and grades from the school where you are pursuing your degree in golf course management. This would include both major and non-major courses. High School or other transcripts are not requested.

List any academic distinctions and honors you have received:

High School

College

List activities in which you have participated (athletics, clubs, fine arts, journalism, communications, etc.) and how that activity was beneficial to you.

High School

College

Describe your activities outside of school (volunteering, clubs, and organizations) including the name of the organization or activity, dates of participation and distinctions gained and how that activity was beneficial to you:

List any GCSAA student chapter (or affiliate chapter) to which you presently belong:

(include any officer positions held)

List your employment experience in golf (including internships):

Employer	Type of work	From (month/year)	To (month/year)

List any other scholarship awards you have received, including the source, date and amount:

Describe your experience with playing the game of golf, including competitive golf (note: being an accomplished golfer is not a prerequisite to a scholarship).

Do you understand and agree that Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholars are encouraged to be future ambassadors for the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association by helping to promote the mission of the association?

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

Please write an essay that will tell the Committee about you, your interest in the golf course management profession and your professional/educational goals for the next ten years. There is no maximum or minimum length. You may type or handwrite.

Should you be selected to receive one of the 14 Trans-Miss Turf Fund scholarships for 2012, we would like to provide that information to your local news organization(s). Please complete the following:

Local newspaper _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Email address or web address (if applicable) _____

School newspaper _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Email address or web address (if applicable) _____

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

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____, 2012

Academic Advisor's Statement
(supplemental pages may be used)

Applicant's name _____

Describe the type of student and citizen you know the applicant to be.

Does the applicant intend to pursue golf course management as a career? _____

What is the applicant's class ranking as of 9-1-12? _____ in a class of _____

Please describe the applicant's qualities for leadership, professional potential and work ethic.
Specific examples will be helpful to the Committee.

I do () I do not () recommend that this applicant be granted a Trans-Miss Scholarship

Name _____ Signature _____

School _____ Date _____

Please enclose this report in a sealed envelope and return it to the applicant so that they can submit it with their timely application (postmarked by September 14, 2-12).

Golf Course Superintendent's Report

(This report is to be completed by a golf course superintendent for whom the applicant has worked as either an employee or intern. Supplemental pages may be used)

Applicant's Name _____

Based on your personal observations, please describe the applicant's potential to become a successful and respected golf course superintendent. Specific examples would be helpful to the Committee.

Based on your personal observations, please describe the applicant's ambition, work ethic and treatment of others. Specific examples would be helpful to the Committee.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Please enclose this report in a sealed envelope and return it to the applicant so that they can submit it with their timely application (postmarked by September 14, 2012)