



The Connecticut Tree Protective Association, Inc.

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THE CONNECTICUT TREE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

ARBORIST SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: November 28, 2015

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association (CTPA) has played a prominent role in the tree care industry in Connecticut since the Association's founding in 1922. The first objective of CTPA is "to promote the protection and care of trees in Connecticut by encouraging the practice of proper and efficient methods by tree workers". To further this goal, CTPA has established two \$2,000 scholarships for Connecticut residents who are pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in arboriculture or urban forestry and who intend to pursue a career in tree care.

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association is an approximately 800 member organization devoted to the education of the state's tree workers and to advancing the care of trees in Connecticut. Members include commercial, utility, state and municipal arborists, tree wardens, researchers, educators, nursery growers, landscapers and private citizens. CTPA has effectively educated arborists, other tree workers, and various segments of the general public on important tree care issues via workshops and other training sessions, annual meetings, multi-session courses, public outreach, and special events.

The CTPA Arboriculture Scholarship is funded through the Oscar P. Stone Research Trust Fund, established in 1994 to fund research and promote the scientific basis of arboriculture. This scholarship will expand on the Connecticut Tree Protective Association's commitment to education and training in arboriculture. Education is part of the fundamental mission of CTPA, and a cornerstone in maintaining the high standards of professionalism that has exemplified the practice of arboriculture in Connecticut for over ninety years.

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ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant shall be a student currently enrolled full-time in an accredited university or community college. Applicant shall be pursuing a course of study in urban forestry or arboriculture. If an applicant is not studying urban forestry or arboriculture, he or she must describe how his or her course of study will lead to a career in arboriculture or urban forestry.
2. Applicant shall have completed first semester work with a grade point average of 2.0 or better before receiving scholarship funding.
3. Applicant shall be a Connecticut resident. Preference will be given to those who plan to practice arboriculture in Connecticut.
4. Preference shall be given to students who demonstrate financial need.
5. Applicant should be able to attend the annual meeting of the Connecticut Tree Protective Association on January 15, 2015 to be recognized before the membership and receive the scholarship.
6. Scholarship may be renewed in the subsequent year provided the applicant meets the above criteria and has submitted a complete application package (form, cover letter, transcripts, and letters of recommendation).

For more information contact:

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association, Inc.
Arborist Scholarship
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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Intended major: _____

University: _____

List other sources of financial aid (including scholarships, but not loans). Use additional sheets if necessary.

Amount: _____ Source: _____

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What percent of your college expenses do you earn yourself? _____

Current/summer Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Campus address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

In addition to this application, candidate must also provide the following:

- 1) Cover letter (two page limit) that addresses:
 - When you became interested in trees and why you want to work in arboriculture
 - The contribution you hope to provide to the tree care industry
 - Employment history and personal accomplishments
 - How this scholarship will help you reach your career goals
- 2) At least two letters of recommendation. These letters may be from a faculty member, current or past employer, or high school guidance counselor. Letters must be sent directly to CTPA by person providing reference. Please use provided reference forms.
- 3) If awarded a scholarship, the applicant must demonstrate a 2.0 grade point average by providing an official transcript of the first semester's grades.

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REFERENCE FORM

This form is to be completed by the person who is serving as a reference for a student's application to receive the CTPA's \$2,000 Arborist Scholarship award. Please complete the following and attach a separate sheet commenting on the applicant's potential to make significant contributions to the commercial arboricultural industry in Connecticut including:

- Applicant's academic qualifications (if known)
- Applicant's work experience and professionalism (if known)
- Applicant's financial need (if known)
- Applicant's community service (if known)

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Your Name: _____

Company/Institution: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Work phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Please return completed form and letter of recommendation to:

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