

# GCSAA STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

## ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 31

**Eligibility:** The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in turfgrass science, agronomy or any field related to golf course management. **Applicants must be GCSAA members.**

**Topics:** The essay topic should focus on golf course management.

**Rules:**

- Essays should be 7-12 pages in body length and must be submitted in typewritten form, double-spaced on white bond paper. References and/or bibliography must be included. Plagiarized essays will be disqualified. Plagiarism is any use of another writer's words, concepts, or sequence of ideas without acknowledging that writer by the use of proper documentation. In an informal essay, an internal citation to introduce direct quotes, paraphrased or summarized material may be sufficient documentation. Remember that all the work you submit must be original. Copying material from books as though it's your own work is plagiarism.
- Essays must include a cover page with the student's name, school, year in school, home and campus address, home and campus telephone numbers, GCSAA member number and a signature.
- Each page should be numbered and should include the student's last name.
- All entries become the property of GCSAA and may be published or adapted for later use in GCSAA publications.

**Judging Criteria:** Essays should be original, compelling, well-organized, readable, persuasive and creative. Technical accuracy, composition skills (spelling, grammar, etc.) and the student's adherence to the contest rules will be considered by the judges.

**Awards:** The judges may select up to three winners who receive scholarship prizes. Prizes are \$2,000 for first place, \$1,500 for second place and \$1,000 for third place. In addition to prizes, winning entries may be published or excerpted on the GCSAA website.

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Send entries to:  
Environmental Institute for Golf  
Student Essay Contest  
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Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

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