Complete this form to apply for GCSAA education points with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) for affiliated chapter developed educational seminars or learning opportunities. Applications should be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the program. Applications received less than 30 days prior to the event are subject to denial. Be sure to include a detailed timed agenda, which includes the name and affiliation of each speaker and topic, with your application.

Chapter Name: __________________________________________
Contact Name: __________________________________________
Phone: (____) _______ Fax: (____) _______
Email Address: __________________________________________
Website Address: ________________________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________________________

Program Title: __________________________________________
Program Type: □ Seminar: Single topic program □ Conference: Multiple topic program
Seeking Approval for the Calendar Year of: __________ Event Location: __________________________
Date(s): ______________________________________ City __________________________
It’s not necessary to have offerings scheduled to complete a program application.

Approval Criteria:

To qualify for GCSAA education points, a program must meet the following requirements.
1) Provide education relevant to golf course management
2) Have clearly defined learning objectives
3) Have a minimum program length of a quarter of an hour
4) Must be non-commercial in nature.
5) Cannot be conducted during the GCSAA Education Conference & Golf Industry Show.**

** Approval does not extend to offerings scheduled from the first day of the GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic through the last day of the Golf Industry Show, held within a 50-mile radius of the host cities of either event. Events scheduled during this period will only receive education points with expressed written consent of GCSAA.

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Date Received: ___________

__________ GCSAA education points have been approved by the GCSAA.

__________ Program event does not meet minimum requirements for education points.

Additional comments: ____________________________________________________________

Reviewer’s Name: __________________________ Date: ______________ GCSAA Code #: __________________
Program Information:

I attest that the information provided on this application is accurate and supports the program being offered.

Hours of Event – The program must be a minimum of 1.0 educational contact hour. Please indicate the hours for your program in order for that information to be advertised. Remember to attach a timed outline.

Instructor Information – Please include the instructor(s) name(s) and affiliation(s). Additional information and qualifications may be attached on a separate sheet, if necessary.

Learning Objectives – The course content should be current, relevant and meet or exceed quality standards for GCSAA developed programs. All programs must have clear and concise learning objectives. To write the learning objectives complete the following sentence: At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

1) __________________________________________________________________________________________
2) __________________________________________________________________________________________
3) __________________________________________________________________________________________
4) __________________________________________________________________________________________
5) __________________________________________________________________________________________

Non-Commercial - The program must be non-commercial in nature. Programs on the use, management or maintenance of a product that are educational in nature can qualify. By initialing this statement, I attest that this program is not sales-oriented. __________

Competencies:
The program content must address one or more of the golf course superintendent competency requirements. Check all competencies this program encompasses.

Communication
- Communicate Effectively
- Manage Conflicts
- Facilitate Information Flow
- Establish and Maintain Positive Communication with Stakeholders and Others Constituents
- Promote Awareness of the Golf Course Superintendent’s Profession

Leadership
- Create A Vision that Conveys the Purpose and Goals of the Golf Facility
- Personal and Professional Development Skills
- Maintain a Productive Work Climate
- Promote Ethics and Values
- Manage Facility Expectations
- Solve Problems and Make Decisions
- Identify Marketplace Position
Business Management

- Develop A Crisis Management Plan
- Develop and Implement Long-range Master Plan with Capital Needs
- Manage Accounting Duties and Budget
- Manage Administrative Systems
- Manage Inventory Control System
- Manage Purchasing System
- Develop and Manage Programs
- Utilize Facility-wide Management Principles
- Program Development and Management
- Utilize Technology
- Conduct Safe Operation
- Document Compliance with Environmental, Safety, and Labor Regulations and Laws
- Hire and Terminate Staff
- Manage Staff
- Train Staff

Environmental Management

- Environmental Communications
- Environmental Management
- Comprehending Environmental Impacts
- Management of Hazardous Materials
- Watershed and Water Resource Management and Conservation
- Manage Soils’ Ecosystems
- Understand Climate and Atmosphere
- Understand Natural Ecosystems
- Manage Native Areas
- Manage Aquatic Ecosystems

Agronomy

- Understand Plant Biology
- Manage Fertilization
- Manage Irrigation
- Manage Primary Turfgrass Practices
- Manage Supplementary Turfgrass Practices
- Construct and Renovate
- Manage Bunkers
- Manage Other Infrastructures
- Understand Pest Management
- Incorporate Integrated Pest Management
- Manage Equipment
- Manage The Course to Accommodate the Rules of Golf

Administrative Information:

Upon approval, GCSAA will provide you (the sponsor) with an Approval Code Notice. You must provide copies of the Notice to the GCSAA members in attendance. Members submit the event approval code, found on the Notice, to GCSAA as verification of their attendance and to validate the established program criteria.

GCSAA will conduct random audits of external education programs. A roster of attendees may be requested to conduct these audits. Please have this information available upon request.

Email or Mail the Application and Support Documents to:

GCSAA
Attn: External Education
1421 Research Park Dr
Lawrence, KS 66049
Email: dkern@gcsaa.org
(800) 472-787, ext. 3600