Allan MacCurrach Jr. Award

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Postmark Application Deadline: June 1

Return completed applications to:

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| Application Information |
| background |
| The GCSAA Foundation is a nonprofit organization fostering sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Among the programs administered by the Foundation is the Allan MacCurrach Jr. Award.   Allan MacCurrach Jr. Internationally recognized for his expertise in the turf management field, Allan MacCurrach Jr. began his career as a golf course superintendent at Valley Country Club in Warwick, Rhode Island in 1962. In 1972, he became the 45th person to receive the title of Certified Golf Course Superintendent from GCSAA. MacCurrach became the PGA Tour’s first agronomist in 1974 and played a leading role in establishing the standard of excellence for course conditioning at PGA Tour events. MacCurrach was named senior agronomist in 1988 and in 1994 received the GCSAA’s Distinguished Service Award. He passed away on January 14, 1997, at the age of 57.  To honor his legacy, Allan MacCurrach III and the PGA Tour have partnered to provide a $10,000 scholarship to recognize an outstanding non-traditional student seeking a career in the field of golf course and turfgrass management. Preference will be given to applicants from historically underrepresented groups. |
| General Information |
| Applications will be reviewed by Allan MacCurrach Jr. Award Task Group and all decisions will be final. Applicants will be notified of their status by August 1 in the year submitted. The scholarship award check will be made payable to the applicant and his/her educational institution. |
| eligibility |
| 1. Applicants must be enrolled in a recognized collegiate undergraduate program or technical school in a major field related to golf course management and turfgrass science. *(Seniors graduating prior to the application deadline of June 1 are ineligible.)* 2. Applicants must be planning a career as a golf course superintendent or closely related professional discipline. 3. Applicants must be GCSAA member. 4. Applicants must be 23 years of age or older and seeking a second degree or new career in golf course and turfgrass management. Preference will also be given to applicants from historically underrepresented groups. 5. Children of those employed by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, the GCSAA Board of Directors, and GCSAA staff are not eligible for this program. |
| **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION** |
| Applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, potential to become a leading professional, employment history, and the recommendation of at least one of the following – superintendent, academic advisor, or employer.  Financial need is not a factor in the selection.  Previous recipients are not eligible to apply for a second award. |

| Allan MacCurrach Jr. application | | | | | | | |
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| Applicant Information – Please type | | | | | | | |
| Name: | | | | GCSAA Member #: | | | |
| Current address: | | | | | | | |
| City: | | State: | | | | Zip: | |
| Mobile Phone: | | | | Email: | | | |
| Hometown: | | | | | | | |
| Date of Birth (must be 23 years or older to apply): | | | | Male Female | | | |
| School Name: | | | | Current Major/Field of Study: | | | |
| Advisor: | | | | | | | |
| Current Program: □ Two-year Certificate □ Associates □ Bachelors | | | | Projected date of degree: | | | |
| Cumulative GPA: | | | | | | | |
| Please check all that apply | | | | | | | |
| Non-traditional | | | | cutural background | | | |
| Seeking a second degree/career in golf course management | | | | American Indian or Alaska Native | | | |
| Have GED and returning to school for a degree in golf course management | | | | Asian | | | |
| Single parent working full/part-time and school full/part-time | | | | Black or African American | | | |
| Worked in golf and now seeking a degree in golf course management | | | | Hispanic or Latino | | | |
| Took a break after high school and returning for a degree | | | | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | | | |
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| list in chronological order high schools attended, then colleges ***(Note: All schools listed below must be documented by a school transcript.)*** | | | | | | | |
| **Name of School** | **Dates Attended** | | **Date of Graduation\*** | | **Degree** | | **Overall GPA** |
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| \*If graduation date is pending, please indicate the date you expect to graduate. | | | | | | | |
| Please answer the following questions | | | | | | | |
| 1. Have you ever been dismissed from a school or placed on academic probation? □ YES □ NO   If yes, which school and the reasons for dismissal: | | | | | | | |
| 1. List any academic distinctions and honors you have received.   High School:  College/Technical School: | | | | | | | |
| 1. List school or college activities in which you have participated (athletics, clubs, fine arts, school newspaper or yearbook, etc.) Please note any honors you have received.   High School:  College/Technical School: | | | | | | | |
| 1. List activities outside of school, such as turf associations, clubs, organizations, community involvement, etc., and any offices held.  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **ORGANIZATION** | **OFFICE HELD** | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | | | | | | | | |
| 1. If you currently belong, name the GCSAA Student Chapter or GCSAA affiliated chapter: | | | | | | | |
| 1. List employment you have had and currently hold within the golf industry. Include any military experience.  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **TYPE OF WORK** | **EMPLOYER** | **FROM (MO/YR)** | **TO (MO/YR)** | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | | | | | | | |
| 1. List how you have contributed toward your own financial support or have supported someone else while in high school or college: | | | | | | | |
| 1. List any scholarships awarded:  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **SCHOLARSHIP** | **SPONSOR** | **DATE** | **AMOUNT** | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | | | | | | | |
| 1. I certify the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the task group’s decision will be final. | | | | | | | |
| Signature | | | | Date: | | | |

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| **Please type essay below or include as an attachment.**  **Do not exceed two pages that addresses the following questions:**   1. **What has motivated you to become a golf course superintendent?** 2. **Why is winning this award important to achieving success as a golf course superintendent?** 3. **What does diversity and inclusion mean to you?** 4. **Why do you think diversity and inclusion are important in the golf industry?** |
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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

To be completed by a superintendent, academic advisor, or employer.

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| Name: | Relationship to Applicant: |
| Applicant’s Name: | |
| **DESCRIPTION OF STUDENT APPLICANT** | |
| From your observations, please describe this applicant’s leadership and professional potential as a golf course superintendent. Please give specific examples. | |
| Please outline your observations describing this applicant’s ambition, work ethic and loyalty. Please give specific examples. | |
| Signature: | |
| Please enclose this report in a sealed envelope and return to the applicant in a timely fashion or email directly to Mischia Wright at mwright@gcsaa.org. | |