The New England Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (NEC-ISA) is pleased to offer a scholarship for high school students entering a two or four-year program in arboriculture, urban forestry, or related fields.

Trees are a critical resource in New England – essential to daily life whether you are in a big city or a small town. The Green Industry in New England is vibrant and growing—and there is a place for YOU! This is a multi-billion industry in the United States and offers exciting opportunities for those who want to pursue a career in the field—and some of the highest-paying states in the industry are right here in New England!

At the same time, having a professional workforce is critical. In that spirit, the NEC-ISA is offering a $2,500 scholarship for graduating high school seniors who will be attending a two or four year college program, pursuing a degree in Arboriculture, Botany, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Urban Forestry, or a related field. The recipients are also provided with a full annual conference registration, one night lodging, and two complimentary banquet tickets for an accompanying guest.

Approved applicants must show successful completion of the first semester of school with a minimum 2.0 GPA (on a 4-point scale).

We are looking for applicants who:

- Are enrolled full-time at an accredited four-year or two-year college or university for the fall term.
- Are pursuing a degree in Arboriculture, Botany, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Urban Forestry, or a related field.
- Are attending college or university in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont OR are residents of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont attending college or university outside New England.

We evaluate applications on a variety of criteria, including need, high school GPA, personal statement, and letter of recommendation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2019

Questions? Email Sean Redding, Scholarship Chair, at info@newenglandisa.org or call 978-844-0441.
APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name ____________________________

Home Address ____________________________________________

Home Phone (       )_________________ Cell Phone (       )_________________

E-mail ______________________________________________

Intended major__________________________________________

Name of College or University ____________________________________________

Are you presently receiving any financial aid (including scholarships)?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, what kind and amount? ____________________________________________

What percentage of educational expenses (i.e. tuition, board, etc.) will you be earning yourself? ______%

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS – DEADLINE APRIL 1

☐ Apply online or by paper application

☐ Completed application (this page)

☐ Personal statement—1-2 pages (500-750 words) which should include:
   A. Experiences or factors that have inspired your interest in the industry
   B. Employment history and personal accomplishments
   C. How the scholarship will benefit your education and career goals

☐ One recommendation
   • Can be from faculty member, high school guidance teacher, current or past employer.
   • Recommendation must be sent directly to the NEC-ISA by the person providing reference, under separate cover.
   • Use the reference form provided (next page).

☐ High school transcript

Mail application items to:
NEC-ISA
P.O. Box 435
Norwell, MA 02061
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

Applicant Name ____________________________________________

Your Name _____________________________________________________

School/Company/Institution __________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________

Your relationship to Applicant:
__Teacher/Instructor __Guidance Counselor __Employer (Current or Past)
__Other (please specify)

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

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Please share with us your evaluation of this applicant’s character, achievements and/or future potential. (If you require additional space, please use the back of this paper or attach a separate sheet.)

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Signature________________________________________________ Date____________________

Email to: heather@newenglandisa.org
Or mail to:
NEC-ISA
P.O. Box 435, Norwell, MA 02061

OR APPLY ONLINE:
www.newenglandisa.org/resources/grants-scholarships