



New England Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

High School Scholarship Application

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.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP



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



ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

Applicant Name _____

Your Name _____

School/Company/Institution _____

Address _____

Your relationship to Applicant:

Teacher/Instructor

Employer (Current or Past)

Guidance Counselor

Other (please specify)

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

Characteristic	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Commitment to academics	5	4	3	2	1
Genuine interest in learning	5	4	3	2	1
Integrity	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1
Responsibility	5	4	3	2	1
Interest in the industry	5	4	3	2	1
Likelihood of professional success	5	4	3	2	1
Commitment to community	5	4	3	2	1

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.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Email to: heather@newenglandisa.org

Or mail to:

NEC-ISA

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OR APPLY ONLINE:

www.newenglandisa.org/resources/grants-scholarships