



Scholarship Program

The purpose of the Ohio Chapter ISA Scholarship Program is to promote professional arboriculture within the state of Ohio. The goal is to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via a professional industry organization such as the International Society of Arboriculture.

[Scholarship Program Application Deadline: July 1](#)

Scholarship Option I – ISA Certified Arborist® Scholarship \$835 Value

4 Scholarships Available

Successful Recipient Receives

1. One-year membership to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) (Value \$135)
2. One-year membership to the Ohio Chapter ISA (Value \$45)
3. ISA Arborists' Study Guide (Value \$85)
4. Reserved seat to an Ohio Chapter sponsored certification preparation or review class (Value \$175)
5. Registration to Certification Examination (Value \$170)
6. Check for \$225 to assist in paying for the certification exam through the ISA, travel expenses, and any other study materials or expenses as deemed appropriate by recipient.

Applicants will be judged on their ability to meet the eligibility requirements to apply for the ISA Certified Arborist exam as set forth by the ISA.

Eligibility Requirements

An **arborist** by definition is an individual who is trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, and maintaining individual trees. ISA certification is a non-governmental, voluntary process by which individuals can document their base of knowledge. It operates without mandate of law and is an internal, self-regulating device administered by the International Society of Arboriculture. Certification provides a measurable assessment of an individual's knowledge and competence required to provide proper tree care.

The ISA Certification Board requires a candidate to have a **minimum of three years of full-time arboriculture experience**. Acceptable experience includes the practical use of knowledge involved in pruning, fertilization, installation and establishment, diagnosis and treatment of tree problems, cabling and bracing, climbing or other services that directly relate to arboriculture. Examples include **but are not limited to:**

- Tree care companies
- Nurseries
- Landscape companies
- Municipalities
- State forestry agencies
- Utility companies
- Academic arboriculture/horticulture department instructors
- Horticulture/extension program advisors
- Consultancies
- Pest control provider advisory and applicator

Eligibility requirement may also be met by utilizing a combination of education and practical arboricultural experience through one of the following options: two-year associate degree with a minimum of two courses directly related to arboriculture plus two years of practical full-time experience in arboriculture or four-year bachelor degree with a minimum of four courses directly related to arboriculture plus one year of practical full-time experience in arboriculture. Certification is not a measure of standards of practice. Certification can attest to the tree knowledge of an individual but cannot guarantee or ensure quality performance. Certified arborists are individuals who have achieved a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience, passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation's leading industry experts on tree care.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Applicant (regardless of passing the exam or not), will be required to provide the Ohio Chapter ISA 10 hours of volunteer time within one year of receiving the scholarship. This requirement may be fulfilled by volunteering at the Ohio Tree Care Conference, educational programs, public outreach opportunities such as libraries or other non-profit venues to distribute Ohio Chapter literature.
2. Certified arborists must also continue their education to maintain their certification and remain up to date on current techniques in arboriculture. To maintain certification, certified arborists must obtain 30 ISA Continuing Education Units (CEUs) within a three-year period.
3. Applicant must work or provide service in Ohio and exhibit a demonstrated interest in arboriculture.
4. Scholarship recipients must attend an Ohio Chapter certified arborist preparation or review course to prepare for the ISA arborist certification examination. Scholarship may be revoked from individuals that do not attend the mandatory training sessions or fail to sit for the examination within one year of award.
5. Applicant must submit 3 letters of recommendation from arboriculture/horticulture professionals; at least 1 of these must include a letter of recommendation from an ISA Certified Arborist professional.

6. Applicant must sit for the ISA exam within one year of receiving the award.

Scholarship Option II – Professional Development Scholarship \$500

2 Scholarships Available

Successful Recipients Receive

1. Check for \$500 to cover appropriate study materials, exam fees, and travel necessary to obtain credential.
 - Testing deadline is within one year from receipt of scholarship and is the responsibility of the recipient to schedule. Recipients must submit testing documentation to Ohio Chapter ISA.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Applicant must be a current ISA Certified Arborist seeking professional development in one of the other ISA certification areas, including Aerial Lift Specialist, Climber Specialist, Municipal Specialist, Tree Worker Specialist, Utility Specialist, Board Certified Masters Arborist or Tree Risk Assessment Qualifications or Renewal (TRAQ); or for other industry qualifications such as Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualification (TPAQ), CTSP, or other industry qualifications/credential. Recipients who are seeking certification or qualification other than from ISA, will be required to submit copy of course completion, payment receipt, and may be reimbursed for \$500 or the actual enrollment fee if less than \$500.
2. Applicant must also hold current membership in the Ohio Chapter ISA.
3. Applicant must submit 3 letters of recommendation from arboriculture/horticulture professionals; at least 1 of these must include a letter of recommendation from an ISA Certified Arborist professional.
4. Applicant is strongly encouraged to volunteer on an Ohio Chapter committee within one year of receiving the scholarship.

Scholarship Option III – Traditional Student Scholarship \$1,000 Value

This category co-sponsored by [Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation](#).

3 Scholarships Available

Successful Recipients Receive

1. \$1,000 check disbursed to the academic institution where enrolled.
2. Complimentary student membership in the ISA and the Ohio Chapter for 12 months.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Applicant must be an Ohio resident, currently enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year accredited post secondary arboriculture, horticulture, urban forestry or related degree program. Proof of enrollment must be submitted, i.e. course schedule or transcript from the institution.
2. Applicant must submit with the application 3 letters of recommendation: 1 from an academic advisor, 1 from a current or previous professor, and 1 from another instructor or industry professional.
3. Applicant must submit a personal statement as to why he/she feels they are a good candidate for the scholarship.
4. Applicant must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Application Instructions

Review Process

- Applications lacking **ALL** eligibility requirements will not be accepted for consideration.
- Submission of all required documentation is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.
- Applicants who have not previously been awarded a Chapter scholarship will receive priority consideration over previous recipients.

Applications must be postmarked on or before July 1 for consideration.

Applications and required materials are the responsibility of the applicant.

Recipients will be notified by mail by August 15 and announced in

The Buckeye Arborist publication of the Ohio Chapter ISA.

Accepted applicants will be required to submit a photo for publication purposes.

Questions may be submitted to info@ohiochapterisa.org. No phone calls please.

Submit completed application(s) and documentation to:

Ohio Chapter ISA, PO Box 267, Baltimore, OH 43105-9998 or info@OhioChapterISA.org



**OHIO CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
OPTION I – ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST®**

Please Print or Type all Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Nickname _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Numbers _____
Cell _____ Business _____

E-mail Address _____

Educational Experience (as related to arboriculture/horticulture)

College/University _____

City _____ State _____

Type of Degree _____ Major _____

Date of Enrollment _____
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year)

Practical Experience

Current or Most Recent Employer/Company _____

Your Position _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code _____

Date of Employment _____
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year) Total Months Worked _____

The ISA Credentialing Council requires a candidate to have a minimum of three years of full-time experience in arboriculture or a combination of education and practical arboricultural experience. One year of full-time experience is equal to 2,080 hours of work. If more space is needed for practical experience, please list on a separate sheet.

Job duties related to arboriculture:

Previous Employer/Company _____

Your Position _____

Date of Employment _____
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year)

Job duties related to arboriculture:

* 2021.08 Committee Revised

Submit Completed Application and Documentation Prior to July 1 to:
Ohio Chapter ISA, PO Box 267, Baltimore, OH 43105 or info@OhioChapterISA.org

Essay Questions

This information will be used for judging the application. Attach separate sheet if more space is required.

Why do you want to become an ISA Certified Arborist?

Do you have personal or professional needs for this scholarship or are there specific reasons that you should be awarded this scholarship?

Do you work or provide professional tree care service in Ohio? Please explain.

ISA Exam Application

Have you applied to sit for an ISA exam? Yes No

If yes, have you received written notification from ISA that you meet the eligibility requirements? Yes No

Application Checklist

- Completed Application
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (At least 1 from an ISA Certified Arborist) Please list names:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Signature/Approval of Information

I have completed the application to the best of my abilities.

Must be signed by Applicant

Date



OHIO CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
OPTION II – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Please Print or Type all Information

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Nickname

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Phone Numbers Home or Cell Business

E-mail Address

Current Certification(s) / Qualifications

- ISA Certified Arborist (Certification # _____)
- Other Qualifications (i.e. TRAQ, TPAQ, CTSP, etc.)
Please list _____

Practical Experience

Current or Most Recent Employer/Company

Your Position

Supervisor His/Her Title

Company Address, City, State, Zip Code

Date of Employment
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year)

Job duties related to arboriculture:

Previous Employer/Company

Your Position

Company Address, City, State, Zip Code

Date of Employment
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year)

Job duties related to arboriculture:

Essay Questions

This information will be used for judging the application. Attach separate sheet if more space is required.

What certification or qualification are you pursuing and why?

How will this new credential assist you in furthering your career?

Why do you feel that you are a good candidate for this scholarship?

Application Checklist

- Completed Application
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - o Two from arboriculture/horticulture professionals – please list names:
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - o One from current ISA Certified Arborist – please list name: _____

Signature/Approval of Information

I have completed the application to the best of my abilities.

Must be signed by Applicant

Date



OHIO CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
OPTION III – TRADITIONAL STUDENT

Please Print or Type all Information

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Nickname

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Phone Numbers _____
Home or Cell Business

E-mail Address _____

Educational Enrollment (must be related to arboriculture)

College/University _____ Student ID# _____

Scholarship or Bursar's Office Address _____

City State Zip Code

Type of Degree _____ Major _____

Date of Enrollment _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year)

Practical Experience (information required for application consideration)

Current or Most Recent Employer/Company _____

Your Position _____

Contact Person _____ His/Her Title _____

Company Address, City, State, Zip Code _____

Date of Employment _____
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year) Total Time

Job duties related to arboriculture:

Essay Questions

This information will be used for judging the application. Attach separate sheet if more space is required.

Why are you pursuing a career in horticulture/arboriculture?

Describe your dream job following graduation?

Personal statement as to why you feel that you are a good candidate for this scholarship.

Application Checklist

- Completed Application
- Proof of Enrollment
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - o One from academic advisor – please list name: _____
 - o One from current or previous professor – please list name: _____
 - o One from other instructor or industry professional – please list name: _____

Signature/Approval of Information

I have completed the application to the best of my abilities.

Must be signed by Applicant

Date