



Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Scholarship Program Application Deadline December 10

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. In early 2026, the Chapter may award up to three (3) Traditional Student and four (4) Professional Development scholarships.

Professional Development

Up to \$500 credit/reimbursement for expenses related to obtaining professional development in arboriculture. Applicants are judged on their ability to meet the eligibility requirements for the certification or credential. Qualified reimbursement includes the cost of course registration, examination fee, and course materials.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be eligible and preparing to take an ISA certification exam or qualification, or other industry qualification or credential (i.e., CTSP, TPAQ, etc.), **no later than August 1**.
2. Applicants must be members of both the ISA and the Ohio Chapter.
3. Expenses may include:
 - Course registration fee
 - Required materials (i.e., ISA study guide)
 - Exam fee

Recipients must submit all receipts for reimbursement to the Ohio Chapter ISA before August 1.

4. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from arboriculture/horticulture professionals; at least one must be from an ISA Certified professional.
5. The recipient must volunteer and actively serve for at least one year on an Ohio Chapter committee.

Traditional Student

\$1,000 will be disbursed by March 1 to the academic institution where the recipient is enrolled. The recipients will receive a 12-month complimentary membership to the Ohio Chapter ISA and the International Society of Arboriculture.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be Ohio residents and enrolled as second-year students in an accredited two-year post-secondary program OR third or fourth-year students enrolled in an accredited four-year post-secondary green-industry program such as arboriculture, horticulture, or urban forestry.
2. Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, including one from an academic advisor, one from a current or previous professor, and one from another instructor or an industry professional.
3. Applicants must submit a personal statement on why they are a good candidate for the scholarship.
4. Applicants must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Application Instructions

Review Process

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

The application deadline is December 10.

All applicants will be notified via email by January 30.

Recipients will be announced in the Ohio Chapter's publication, *The Buckeye Arborist*.

Submit the completed application and documentation to info@OhioChapterISA.org or mail to Ohio Chapter ISA, PO Box 267, Baltimore, OH 43105-9998.





Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Professional Development Scholarship Application

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Please Print or Type Information

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

My current Certification(s) / Qualification(s)

- ISA Certified Arborist (Certification # _____)
- Qualifications: _____
- My ISA dues are paid thru _____, and my Ohio Chapter dues are paid thru _____.
(month/year) (month/year)
- I am pursuing (check one):
 - ISA Board Certified Master Arborist
 - ISA Certified Arborist
 - ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist
 - ISA Certified Tree Climber
 - ISA Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist
 - ISA Certified Urban Forest Professional
 - ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification
 - ASCA Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualification
 - Prescription Pruning Qualification (Prescriber)
 - Certified Treecare Safety Professional
 - Other _____

Practical Experience

Current or Most Recent Employer/Company _____

Your Position _____

Supervisor _____ Title _____

Dates of Employment _____
(Month/Year) To (Month/Year)

Job duties related to arboriculture:

Please enter information from your previous employer if you have less than three years with your current employer.

Employer/Company _____ Position _____

Dates of Employment _____
(Month/Year) To (Month/Year)

Job duties related to arboriculture:

Essay Questions

You may attach a separate sheet if you require more space.

1. What certification or qualification are you pursuing and why?

2. Describe how you meet the eligibility requirements for the credential or qualification.

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

4. Why do you feel that you are a good candidate for this credential and scholarship?

Application Checklist

- Completed Application
- Two Professional Letters of Recommendation (At least one must be from an ISA Certified Arborist.)
Please list the first and last names of those individuals who submitted letters.
 1. _____
 2. _____

Signature/Approval of Information

- I certify that I have read and met the eligibility requirements for the program.
- I understand that I must register for the certification/qualification before August 1.
- I have completed the application to the best of my abilities.

Applicant Signature_____
Date



Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Traditional Student Scholarship Application

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Please Print or Type Information

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

Educational Enrollment

College/University _____ Student ID# _____

Bursar's Office Mailing Address _____

Type of Degree _____ Major _____

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

Practical Experience

Current or Most Recent Employer/Company _____ Position _____

Supervisor _____ Title _____

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

Job duties related to arboriculture:

Essay Questions

Please attach a separate sheet with your responses to the following three questions:

1. Why are you pursuing a career in horticulture/arboriculture?
2. Why do you feel that you are a good candidate for this scholarship?
3. Describe your dream job after graduation.

Application Checklist

I have included:

- Completed Application
- Proof of Enrollment-May be an Unofficial Transcript
- 3 Essay Responses
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - o Academic advisor (enter their First & Last Name): _____
 - o Current or previous professor (enter their First & Last Name): _____
 - o Other instructors or industry professionals (enter their First & Last Name): _____

Signature/Approval of Information

I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my abilities and certify that I am a student.

Applicant Signature

Date

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