

Horticultural Scholarship Opportunities



Securing the future
of the horticultural
industry through
the financial support
of research
and scholarships

The Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation: **Who we are and what we do**



The Foundation's mandate is to nurture, encourage and support scholarships and research in the horticulture industry.

Since 1979, the Foundation has contributed over \$350,000 in scholarships and bursaries and millions of dollars worth of research funding.

Hundreds of young industry leaders have benefited from the scholarship support.

Many of the industry's most innovative projects and concepts have had their start with a grant from the Foundation. This includes research into potted trees, container growing, pesticide alternatives, plant selection, growing media, weed and insect control, nutrient management and many other projects that have shaped our industry and provided huge opportunities for growth and prosperity.

The Foundation is a registered Charity. The overhead costs are kept very low ensuring that maximum contributions are awarded to research and scholarship recipients.

The Foundation raises funds through initiatives such as the Integrated Pest Management Symposium, Landscape Ontario Research Auction and through direct fundraising. To ensure sustainability, the Foundation primarily uses earned interest to support the research and scholarship activity.

Please help us build a health future for the horticultural industry. Help us make a positive difference in the lives future industry members.

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Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association, comprised of over 2,000 members, is the trade association serving the range of Ontario's green industry sectors. The association's mandate is to be the leader in representing, promoting and fostering a favourable environment for the

advancement of the horticulture industry in Ontario.

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Landscaping and Horticultural Scholarships

One of the most important mandates of the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation is to nurture and advance the horticultural industry through the funding of industry-related scholarships. Each year the Foundation makes available a number of scholarships in the following categories. These awards are determined by available funding and the applications received. **Note: all applicants must reside in Ontario. Please complete separate application form:**

Scholarships for High School Graduates:

❑ College or University Scholarship, \$1,000

Five \$1,000 scholarships for first-year students entering a full-time horticultural program at an accredited college or university.

Criteria: Candidates must complete the application form and provide a two-page essay on why you want to enter the horticultural industry. Include your interests and experience in the horticulture industry in your essay, and enclose your updated high school transcript.

❑ Casey van Maris Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Available to secondary students entering the first year of a post-secondary ornamental horticulture program of an accredited educational institution. Candidates will be chosen based on transcripts and a two-page essay on why they want to enter the horticultural industry. Transcripts must accompany application.

❑ Apprenticeship Scholarship, \$600

Five \$600 scholarships for students in a horticulture apprenticeship program at an accredited college or university.

Criteria: Candidates must complete the application form, provide a two-page essay on why you want to enter into the horticultural industry, include your interests and experience in the industry.

Note: Confirmation letter of acceptance on school letterhead must be provided prior to scholarship being sent to recipient

Post-secondary Scholarships:

❑ Post-secondary Scholarships, \$1,000

Available to students entering the final year of a horticultural degree or diploma program, or any other program of benefit to the horticultural industry, at university, college or polytechnic institute. The award is based on overall academic excellence. Transcripts must accompany application.

❑ Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500

Available to a student entering the final year of any horticultural program in Ontario who achieves excellence in plant material courses. Transcripts must accompany application.

❑ Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship, \$1,000

Available to students enrolled in any post-secondary landscape or horticultural program. This scholarship is awarded to the candidate that best exemplifies the qualities that build trust in the profession of horticulture.

Criteria: Candidates must be nominated by their teachers, with a letter citing specifics that reflect the candidate's character and behaviour. Transcripts must accompany application. Supporting reference letters from fellow students and/or employers are helpful.

Note: Only one application per university or college is accepted for this scholarship.

❑ Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Available to a student enrolled in a post-secondary horticulture or landscape-related program, or any other program with areas of study of benefit to the horticulture industry, at an Ontario college or university. The candidate must have an interest in native plants and their use in the landscape, demonstrated by a letter from an instructor and/or an employer.

❑ Waterloo Chapter Green Industry Scholarship, \$1,000

Available to a student enrolled into a "green industry" program as it relates to one or several of the Association's industry sector groups.

Criteria: The applicant must be a member of the Waterloo Chapter including family (children or grandchildren), employee of a member company or family of employee and attending an accredited college or university. Send application to Landscape Ontario. Review and selection of recipient will be by Waterloo Chapter Board of Directors.

Post-graduate Scholarships

❑ Post-graduate Scholarships, \$1,000

Available to a student entering a PhD or Masters program in Horticulture or Landscape Architecture at an accredited Ontario university. The award is based on overall average.

❑ John and Ruth Wright Scholarship, \$2,000

Post-graduate Studies in Turf Management

Criteria: MSc or PhD students conducting research under a University of Guelph faculty member, that is relevant to the turfgrass industry in Ontario. Preference will be giving to students working on projects that benefit the home lawn industry or aid the development and improvement of Class 11 pesticides. Applicant to submit application including a letter (no more than two pages) outlining the research project and the proposed benefit to the turfgrass industry. A letter of reference from an advisor and school transcript are also required. The recipient will be selected based on quality and relevance of the graduate research.

Application deadline for all scholarships is June 30

Other Scholarships Available

❑ Ottawa Chapter Scholarship, \$500

Available to a graduate of any horticultural program in Ontario who is currently working for a member of Landscape Ontario's Ottawa Chapter. The award is based on excellence, dedication to the profession and submitted transcripts.

❑ Graduate Research Assistant Program, \$6,000

Available to a graduate student at the University of Guelph studying at a Masters or Doctorate level. The candidate is chosen by the University's Department of Plant Agriculture or School of Environmental Sciences, and approved by the Growers Group of Landscape Ontario and HRIO.

❑ Cullen Scholarship Program, \$30,000

Students must be involved in a full-time Landscape/Horticultural Program at the following schools.

School	Program	Amount
1) U of Guelph	Landscape Architecture Degree	\$2,000
2) U of Guelph	Horticultural Science Degree	\$2,000
3) Niagara Parks	School of Horticulture	\$2,000
4) Fanshawe	Landscape Design Diploma	\$2,000
5) Fanshawe	Horticultural Technician Diploma	\$2,000
6) St. Clair	Horticultural Technician Diploma	\$2,000
7) Algonquin	Horticultural Industries Diploma	\$2,000
8) Humber	Landscape Technician Diploma	\$2,000
9) Durham	Horticultural Technician Diploma	\$2,000
10) Seneca	Environmental Landscape Diploma	\$2,000
11) Niagara	Horticultural Technician Diploma	\$2,000
12) Ridgetown	Associate Diploma In Horticulture	\$2,000
13) Apprenticeship (Any School)	Horticultural Technician	\$1,000
14) Apprenticeship (Any School)	Horticultural Technician	\$1,000
15) Needs Based Scholarship (Any school)		\$4,000
TOTAL		\$30,000

\$4,000 will remain in the Cullen Scholarships Fund for a need-based circumstance.

Criteria: The Cullen Scholarships are designed to encourage and inspire leadership qualities in students who have a passion and enthusiasm for the landscape horticulture industry. They will be awarded to contribution-oriented candidates who possess integrity, honesty, perseverance and initiative and who care about their fellow students, teachers, community and industry.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected by their peers and teachers. The Coordinator of the program will host an election process and submit a brief profile of the winning candidate to Mark Cullen and the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation. The profile will outline the character attributes of the successful candidate.

Selection Process for the Need Based Scholarship: The coordinator of the program will apply on behalf of a candidate who is experiencing financial challenges that will make it difficult for the candidate to complete their program.

Landscaping and Horticultural Scholarship Application Form

Application submission deadline is: JUNE 30th for the upcoming academic year.

All scholarships are subject to availability of funds.

(Please include all applicable scholarship requirements: transcript, essay, etc.)

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Name of High School (required for High School Scholarship applications): _____

Name of College/University (you will be or are attending): _____

Name of program: _____

Program Coordinator: _____

Coordinator's email address: _____

Scholarship applying for: _____



Send completed application form to:

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