

2009 PLANET Academic Excellence Foundation Scholarship Application



Each year the PLANET Academic Excellence Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding established college students for continued study in the green industry.

CRITERIA

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled at a college or university that meets one of the following criteria:

- Has an accredited PLANET Landscape Contracting Curriculum
- Has a PLANET Student Chapter Membership
- Is a participating PLANET Student Career Days School

REQUIREMENTS

In order for your scholarship application to be accepted, it must include:

- The most recent academic transcript or student advisory tracking report
- A **minimum** of at least two letters of recommendation
- Signature/date by both student and faculty advisor
- A current photo (either mailed or electronically sent)

MAIL application to PLANET AEF, 950 Herndon Parkway, Suite 450, Herndon, VA 20170

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2008

Please use additional paper if you are unable to completely answer any section in the space provided. If you have any questions, please call the PLANET office at (800) 395-2522 or e-mail scholarship@landcarenetwork.org.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print all information legibly.)

Required: Current photo of applicant. Judges will not see photos. Photos are for recognition of recipients in PLANET's newsletters. **PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

- Enclosing photo with application.
- Sending photo in .jpeg or .tiff format via e-mail to scholarship@landcarenetwork.org.

1. Name _____
Social Security Number _____ E-mail Address _____
2. Current Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____
3. Permanent Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

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B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

REQUIRED: To be considered, you must include a copy of your most recent transcript or an advisory tracking report.

- 4. Name of school presently attending _____
_____ 4-Year College _____ 2-Year College _____ Vocational/Technical
- 5. Current major _____
Minor or area of specialization _____
- 6. Year currently in school (circle one):
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate
- 7. Number of college hours completed _____ Number of college hours currently carrying _____
- 8. Overall college grade-point average _____ Grade-point average in major _____
Please write FRESHMAN if this is your first year.
- 9. How has your education been financed up to this point? _____

C. ACTIVITIES

- 10. Awards, honors, scholarships, etc., received in high school or college:

- 11. College activities related to horticulture:

- 12. High school activities related to horticulture:

- 13. Community activities related to horticulture:

- 14. Other activities and offices held (college, high school, community):

- 15. PLANET Student Career Days attended or planning to attend: _____
- 16. Other PLANET events attended:

D. WORK EXPERIENCE (Please use additional paper if necessary)

17. Internships completed:

18. Internships planned:

19. Work experience (whether or not related to horticulture):

Employer _____

Job Title or Duties _____

Dates _____

Employer _____

Job Title or Duties _____

Dates _____

Employer _____

Job Title or Duties _____

Dates _____

**E. PERSONAL REFERENCES
REQUIRED: MINIMUM OF TWO REFERENCES.**

20. You are required to submit a minimum of **TWO** personal references with this application. References can be from any two or more of the following:
a member of the Professional Landcare Network, most recent employer, horticultural instructor, counselor, club advisor, church leader, or other persons qualified to attest to your abilities, character, and scholastic ability.

F. EDUCATIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS
(Please use additional paper if necessary.)

21. What have you learned about financial management as part of your education that will help you in your career?

22. How has your landscape industry-related curriculum helped you in achieving your career goals? _____

23. Be specific as to the type/kind of *training* and *work experience* you will complete to attain your goals.

24. Describe your plan to attain more *leadership* and *human relations* skills.

25. In your own words, clearly and concisely state the reason you are applying for this scholarship. Please provide a clear, specific demonstration of need.

26. What are your career objectives as they relate to the field of landscape contracting and horticulture?

27. Where do you see your career five years after graduation?

I acknowledge that the information submitted on this form is true and correct and has been completed by the applicant with no assistance.

Applicant's Signature (**REQUIRED**)

Date

Advisor's Signature (**REQUIRED**)

Date



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Scholarship applications must:

- Be signed and dated by both the student and faculty advisor.
- Include **at least** two letters of recommendation from PLANET members, horticultural instructors, recent employers, counselors, club advisors, church leaders, or other persons who can attest to student's character and abilities.
- Include the most recent academic transcript or advisory tracking report. (Freshman undergraduate applicants **must** include an advisory tracking report but may also include their final high school transcript).
- Include a recent photograph of the applicant. A hard copy may be mailed with the application or may be electronically sent in .jpeg or .tiff format to scholarship@landcarenetwork.org.
- Be received at the PLANET office by **December 1, 2008**.

Note:

- Type or write your answers carefully. Neatness and grammar counts!
- Fill out the application completely.
- Use additional paper to answer essay questions.
- Contact the PLANET office at (800) 395-2522 or via e-mail sent to scholarship@landcarenetwork.org to make sure your application has been received in its entirety by **December 1, 2008**.

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