

2017-2018 Application for Academic Award Sponsorship

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Listed below are the schools included in the scholarship program. Please write "1" and "2" to designate your first and second choice of schools to co-sponsor an award.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

AND/OR

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Any school is acceptable
- Anoka Technical College
- Central Lakes College
- Century College
- Dakota County Technical College
- Hennepin Technical College
- Iowa State University
- North Dakota State University
- Rochester Community and Technical College
- South Dakota State University
- University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- University of Minnesota-Crookston
- University of Minnesota-St. Paul

I would like the scholarship to go to a student with interest in pursuing a green industry related path of study.

I would like to sponsor the following number of scholarships (*Note: Sponsors are welcome to donate funds above the minimum listed per scholarship*):

- \$500 (1 college scholarship)
- \$1,000 (2 college scholarships)
- \$1,500 (3 college scholarships)
- More \$ _____
- \$250 (1 high school scholarship)
- \$500 (2 high school scholarships)
- \$750 (3 high school scholarships)

By filling out and signing this page, I understand that my company has made a financial commitment to support the MNLA Foundation Academic Awards Program. I realize that the student who receives the academic award co-sponsored by my company is under no obligation to have an internship or to become employed by my company.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Academic Awards Program: 2017-2018

Growing Tomorrow's Industry Leaders

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Goal

The goal of the MNLA Foundation Academic Awards program is to honor the academic achievements of students who have chosen the nursery and landscape industry as their career choice. Furthermore, the program aims to encourage students to stay in this career path and to help them make connections with nursery and landscape employers who are MNLA members. By partnering with interested member companies, over 20 scholarships are awarded every year to deserving students.

Awards

Sponsoring companies are asked to make a \$500 commitment (\$250 for the high school program), and the MNLA Foundation will match up to \$500 (\$250) of these funds. Companies can sponsor more than one award if they choose.

Participating Schools

Anoka Technical College, Anoka
Century College, White Bear Lake
Central Lakes Community College, Brainerd
Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount
Iowa State University, Ames
Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Center
North Dakota State University, Fargo
Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester
South Dakota State University, Brookings
University of Wisconsin, River Falls
University of Minnesota, Crookston
University of Minnesota, St. Paul
...also available for other schools (including high schools)... contact MNLA.

Selection Process

A selection committee will be determined for each college. Award winners will be chosen based on:

- Interest in the industry, as described in a letter written by the applicant
- Recommendations from two teachers and/or employers
- Good citizenship as determined by the committee
- Average or above average academic achievement
- Employment experience

Member Recognition

MNLA will provide the following:

- Press releases to various media, including company's local paper, and student's hometown and college publications
- Company recognition in the Scoop and on the MNLA website
- Recognition at the Northern Green
- Opportunities to be introduced to your sponsored student at Expo and other events

Why Sponsor A Scholarship?

Previous winners shared the following comments:

"It is good to see MNLA and its members promoting the future of the nursery and landscape industry by recognizing and assisting students."

"By investing in me, you invest in the future of our industry and those who will continue the pursuit of blending art and agriculture in the field of horticulture."

Act Now!

Demonstrate your commitment to the future of the region's green industry by co-sponsoring a scholarship!

Complete the application form on the back side and return to MNLA today! Your generosity will be cherished by the student winners – the future of our industry.

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-Application form on reverse side-