

Sports Turf Canada's Robert W. Sheard Scholarship

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Sports Turf Canada is the professional association dedicated to the promotion of better, safer sports turf.

Established in 1993, Sports Turf Canada's Robert W. Sheard Scholarship is in recognition of Dr. Sheard's immeasurable contribution and support provided to STC over two decades.



Bob's involvement with the fledgling organization began in 1990 upon his retirement as a Professor of Soil Science at the University of Guelph. He became STC's first Executive Secretary and has played a role in most, if not all, association initiatives since that time. He was editor and a major contributor to the *Sports Turf Newsletter*, now the *Sports Turf Manager*. He edited and produced *An Athletic Field Managers' Guide* and the *Athletic Field Construction Manual*, and penned the *Constructing the Sports Field* brochure and the text *Understanding Turf Management*, transferring ownership and donating all proceeds to the association. He has served on the boards of the International Turfgrass Society, the Guelph Turfgrass Institute and the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, among others.

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Sports Turf Canada Members are:

- MUNICIPALITIES
- SCHOOLS
- COMMUNITY COLLEGES
- UNIVERSITIES
- RESEARCHERS
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
- CONTRACTORS
- INDUSTRY SUPPLIERS
- AND MANY, MANY MORE...

Your Sports Turf Authority Since 1987.

Sports Turf Canada™ (STC) is the professional association dedicated to the promotion of better, safer sports turf through innovation, education and professional programs. In order to further this goal and to encourage, support and provide leadership to those considering a career in the sports turf industry, STC established a scholarship program in 1993 and has since awarded 31 scholarships. The STC Robert W. Sheard Scholarship (\$1,000) may be awarded annually. The scholarship program is funded through STC membership fees. The award is intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books and related expenses.

We encourage you to apply for the STC Robert W. Sheard Scholarship if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- Are currently enrolled in and have completed two semesters of education in a post-secondary program in turf management at a recognized college or university in Canada; or, have completed the University of Guelph's Turf Managers' Short Course, or equivalent, in the current year.
- Have a desire to pursue a career in the sports turf industry.

Scholarship Policies.

1. Scholarships are non-renewable.
2. Candidates will be judged on the basis of the information contained in their Scholarship Application Form and support material.
3. Applications must be received by May 30th for consideration.
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. Presentation to the scholarship recipient will be made at an appropriate industry conference or event.

Application Form.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

What certificate, diploma or degree are you working toward or have you completed? _____

At what college/university? _____

The information provided in this Scholarship Application Form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name (please print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please answer the following on a separate sheet of paper.

1. List any honours, awards or scholarships which you have received.
2. List any activities in which you have participated in your college or university, employment, and/or residential community. Please include volunteer work, special achievements and awards.
3. List professional, college or university associations to which you belong, including offices to which you have been elected or appointed.
4. List current and/or previous employment, including employer, dates of employment, job title and description, hours per week.
5. What stimulated your interest in the turfgrass industry?
6. Are you interested in becoming a Sports Turf Manager?
7. Why do you believe you would be a good candidate to receive this award?

Submit with your completed scholarship application form.

1. An official transcript of your grades for the previous two semesters in the required program of study.
2. A letter of recommendation from your current and/or previous employer; and from your academic advisor, course instructor or equivalent.
3. A typed essay, 1,200-1,500 words in length, on a sports turf related topic of your choice.

Note: If selected as the recipient of the Sports Turf Canada Robert W. Sheard Scholarship, you will be asked to provide a photograph of yourself for publication in the *Sports Turf Manager*.

For a list of previous recipients, please visit sportsturfcanda.com

Submit your completed Scholarship Application to:

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