Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture
Scholarship Program

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 – Must be Postmarked or Submitted Online by January 15

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 - Must be Postmarked or Submitted Online by January 15

$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.

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, 6870 Licking Valley Road, Frazeysburg, OH 43822.

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