



OLA SCHOLARSHIPS

2017-2018 School Year

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must reside in Ohio and plan to attend an accredited (two or four year) college in Ohio pursuing a degree in horticulture or a horticulture-related field. Scholarships awarded will be for the 2017-2018 school year. **Applicants must be an OLA Student Member, an employee of an OLA Member Firm, or a child of an employee of an OLA member.** You can submit your member application with your scholarship application.
2. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative **GPA of 3.0**.
3. **Scholarship recipients are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend the *Landscape Ohio!* Awards dinner.** Scholarship recipients will receive a formal invitation to this event which is typically held in late March.
4. First time applicants must be high school seniors or current college students that meet the above criteria.
5. Previous recipients may apply for a total of three (3) renewals if they meet the above criteria.
6. Selected applicants *may* be required to submit to an interview of a panel comprised of Ohio Landscape Association members.
7. The minimum scholarship amount awarded to a selected student will be \$750.
8. Completed applications with appropriate attachments must be **received** by the close of business in the Ohio Landscape Association office, 9240 Broadview Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147, no later than **January 27, 2017**. Late applications will be disqualified. We cannot accept late or incomplete applications, regardless of circumstances.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete and return the application by the above date, include the following:
2. Two (2) completed and signed recommendation forms from two (2) instructors. (Do NOT have them send these separately.)
3. A signed letter of recommendation from a (current or previous) employer on company letterhead.
4. Your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts. (**An unofficial copy is fine**, if selected, you may be required to provide an official original)
5. Your photograph. (Judges will not see photo, it may be used for publicity and providing the photo constitutes permission for OLA to use the photo.) If the photo is digital, please provide it on a CD or DVD. Poor quality photos cannot be used. **DO NOT SEND A DIGITAL PRINT YOU PRINTED YOURSELF**, instead send it on a CD or DVD.
6. If additional application forms are required, photocopies of these forms are acceptable.
7. **DO NOT STAPLE ANYTHING! DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACKSIDE OF ANY PAPERWORK!**

OLA Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, extra-curricular activities, work experience, and demonstrated interest in a career in the landscape industry. There will be no discrimination based on age, sex, color, race or religious belief.

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together.

APPLICATION -- OLA SCHOLARSHIP

(Please type or write clearly in black ink.)

1. Personal Information:

Full Legal Name of Applicant _____

Current Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Are any of your relatives involved in horticulture, landscape or a closely related field? Yes No

If yes, please list name, position and company _____

State Your Affiliation with the Ohio Landscape Association:

OLA Student Member Family Member of OLA Member Employed by OLA Member

Company Name of the OLA Member Firm Referenced Above _____

2. Family Information:

Father's Full Name _____

Address _____ Occupation _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mother's Full Name _____

Address _____ Occupation _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

3. School Information: Year Currently in School:

High School Senior College: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

High School Attended _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School's Phone Number _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

Month / Year Graduated or Plan to Graduate _____

Vocational School Attended (if Applicable) _____

School Address _____ Instructor / Advisor _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School's Phone Number _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

College Attended (If Applicable) _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School's Phone Number _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

Year Graduated or Plan to Graduate _____

List any awards, honors, or scholarships you have received and year awarded: _____

4. Employment History:

Employer	Phone #	Date of Employment
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5. Describe how your college expenses have been or will be financed:

6. How did you hear about the OLA Scholarships?

7. What activities other than school have you participated in?

8. Why do you believe you should be selected for an OLA Scholarship?

9. What college do you plan to attend? _____

Expected Date (Month and Year) of College Graduation _____

Majoring In: _____

I hereby certify these statements as true and accurate:

Signature of Applicant

Date



Remembering Dennis J. DiSanto

Dennis J. DiSanto was born on January 15, 1937. He was the second of three sons born to Fred and Nora DiSanto. Dennis was raised in Shaker Heights where he gained an appreciation for the care and maintenance of estate gardens. Dennis graduated from Shaker Heights High School and went on to serve in the United States Navy. In 1963, he married Gloria Sgro and together they had four sons: Dennis, Anthony, Robert, and Fred.

From an early age, Dennis was strongly influenced by his father, an estate gardener, and as a result, grew his love for landscaping. After returning from the naval service in 1959, Dennis DiSanto started the DiSanto Companies. Under his leadership, what began as a small lawn maintenance company, grew into a full service landscape and design firm including the addition of an interior landscape division.

Throughout his life, Dennis DiSanto was very active in both civic and horticulture endeavors. He was a past leader in the Northeastern Ohio Landscape Contractors Association and for many years was an exhibitor at the Cleveland Home and Flower Show. Dennis was also an active member of the church community.

The DiSanto Companies remain a member of the Ohio Landscape Association, and were founding members.

Since his death from cancer in December of 1979, a scholarship has been established in his name by the Ohio Landscape Association with the help of the DiSanto Companies and the DiSanto family.

Through this scholarship, it is our hope to help enable the youth of today to realize their dreams of tomorrow.

Remembering Bruce H. Panek

Bruce Harold Panek, 45, of Chester Township died May 19, 1996 due to injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in Chester Township.

Bruce has worked in the lawnmower repair business since the age of 14. He and his father owned and operated Village Mower in the barn behind Fisher's Tavern on SOM Center Road. His father died in 1977.

Bruce was born November 26, 1950, in East Cleveland, he lived in Mayfield Village until moving to Chester Township in 1993. He was a former member of the Coast Guard Reserves and was a Mayfield High School graduate. He enjoyed snowmobiling, bowling and golf.

Bruce is survived by his mother, Dorothy (Drescher) Matthews; step-father, Louis Matthews of Florida; sister, Peggy (Frank) Fernandez of New Jersey; niece, Heather; and nephew, Gregory.

This scholarship fund in Bruce's name has been set up for students interested in horticulture or landscaping as a career.

Contributions may be made to Ohio Landscape Association, 9240 Broadview Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147.

INSTRUCTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Do not mail this separately - Please provide to student in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal.

Do not write on the backside, provide a separate sheet if you have additional information/comment you wish to provide.

_____ is applying for an **Ohio Landscape Association Scholarship**. Please complete the following evaluation of this student and return it to the student in a sealed envelope as soon as possible.

How long have you known this student? _____

What course(s) have you instructed him/her in? _____

Check the appropriate answer. Your additional comments are welcome.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Comments
Ability					
Attitude					
Character					
Dependability					
Initiative					
Judgment					
Leadership					
Service					

Would you recommend this student for a scholarship and why?: (Continue on a separate sheet if needed.)

 Instructor's Name (Type or Print)

 Instructor's Signature

 Name of School

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