



# Scholarship Program

The purpose of the Ohio Chapter ISA Scholarship Program (OCISA SP) 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 the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program.

**Scholarship Program Application Term: May 1 – July 1**

## Scholarship Option I – Certified Arborist Scholarship \$750 Value

4 Scholarships Available

### Successful Recipients Receive

1. One-year membership to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) (Value \$130)
2. One-year membership to the Ohio Chapter ISA (Value \$45)
3. A copy of the ISA Certification manual to prepare for the examination (Value \$85)
4. Access (reserved seat) to Ohio Chapter sponsored Certification Preparation classes
5. Registration to Certification Examination (Value \$150)
6. Check for \$225 to assist in travel expenses and any other study materials as deemed appropriate by recipient.

Applicants will be judged by the Scholarship Committee on their ability to successfully pass the Certification Test.

### Eligibility Requirements

The ISA Certification Board requires a candidate to have a **minimum of three years of arboriculture experience**. Acceptable experience includes the practical use of knowledge involved in pruning, fertilization, installation and establishment, diagnosis and treatment of tree problems, cabling and bracing, climbing or other services that directly relate to arboriculture. Examples include **but are not limited to:**

- ▶ Tree Care Companies
- ▶ Nursery and Landscape Personnel
- ▶ Municipalities & Campuses
- ▶ State Forestry Personnel
- ▶ Instructors of Arboriculture/Horticulture
- ▶ Consulting Arborist
- ▶ Pest Control Advisors/Applicators
- ▶ Utility Personnel

The eligibility requirement also may be satisfied with a two-year degree in arboriculture and two years of practical experience or a four-year degree in a related field and one year of practical experience.

An **arborist** by definition is an individual who is trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, and maintaining individual trees. ISA Arborist Certification is a non-governmental, voluntary process by which individuals can document their base of knowledge. It operates without mandate of law and is an internal, self-regulating device administered by the International Society of Arboriculture. Certification provides a measurable assessment of an individual's knowledge and competence required to provide proper tree care.

Certification is not a measure of standards of practice. Certification can attest to the tree knowledge of an individual but cannot guarantee or ensure quality performance. Certified Arborists are individuals who have achieved a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience, passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation's leading industry experts on tree care.

### Scholarship Requirements

1. All applicants who receive the scholarship, (regardless of passing the exam or not), will be required to provide the Ohio Chapter ISA Executive Board/Committees 25 hours of volunteer time within one year of receiving the scholarship. This requirement may be fulfilled by volunteering at the Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC), educational programs, public outreach opportunities such as libraries or other non-profit venues to distribute OH/ISA literature.
2. Certified Arborists must also continue their education to maintain their certification, as it is desirable that they remain up-to-date on current techniques in arboriculture. To maintain certification, Certified Arborists must obtain 30 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) within a three-year period. Scholarship recipients who successfully obtain certification must obtain these CEUs at their own expense. The Scholarship Committee will assist the recipients in learning of the many low-cost opportunities for receiving CEUs.
3. Applicants must work or provide service in the state of Ohio and exhibit a demonstrated interest in arboriculture.
4. All scholarship recipients must attend the mandatory Certified Arborist Prep Course offered by the Ohio Chapter ISA to prepare individuals for the ISA arborist certification examination. Scholarship may be revoked from individuals that do not attend the mandatory training sessions.

## Scholarship Option II – Professional Development Scholarship \$500

2 Scholarships Available

### Successful Recipients Receive

1. Check for \$500 to cover appropriate basic study materials pertaining to particular certification i.e. books or media materials.
- Transportation expenses are the responsibility of the recipient.
  - Testing deadline is within one year from receipt of scholarship and is the responsibility of the recipient to schedule. Recipients must submit documentation to Ohio Chapter ISA. Deadlines for test registration vary and are also the responsibility of the recipient.

### Scholarship Requirements

1. Applicants for this scholarship must be a current ISA Certified Arborist, seeking professional development in one of the other ISA certification areas, including Tree Worker Specialist Certification, i.e. Aerial Lift Specialist or Climber Specialist, Municipal Specialist Certification, Utility Specialist Certification, Board Certified Masters Arborist (BCMA) Certification and Tree Risk Assessment Qualifications Course (TRAQ).
2. Applicants must also hold current membership in the Ohio Chapter ISA.
3. Applicants must submit 3 letters of recommendation from Arboriculture/Horticulture professionals; at least 1 of these must include a letter of recommendation from an ISA Certified Arborist professional.

## Scholarship Option III – Traditional Student Scholarship \$1,000 Value

3 Scholarships Available

### Successful Recipients Receive

1. \$1,000 Check disbursed to the academic institution where enrolled.
2. Complimentary Student Membership in the Ohio Chapter ISA for 2 years (value \$40).

### Scholarship Requirements

1. Applicant must be an Ohio Resident, currently enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year accredited post secondary arboriculture, horticulture, urban forestry or related degree program. Proof of enrollment must be submitted, i.e. course schedule or transcript from the institution.
2. Applicant must submit with the application 3 letters of recommendation; 1 from an academic advisor, 1 from a current or previous Professor, and 1 from another instructor or industry professional.
3. Applicant must submit a personal statement as to why he/she feels they would be a good candidate for the OH ISA Scholarship.
4. Applicant must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

## Application Instructions

### Review Process

- Applications lacking **ALL** eligibility requirements will not be accepted for consideration.
- Submission of all required documentation is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

**Applications must be postmarked on or before July 1 for consideration.**

Applications and required materials are the responsibility of the applicant.

**Recipients will be notified by mail by August 1** and announced in

*The Buckeye Arborist* publication of the Ohio Chapter ISA.

Accepted applicants will be required to submit a photo for publication purposes.

Questions may be submitted to [info@ohiochapterisa.org](mailto:info@ohiochapterisa.org). No phone calls please.

### **Mail completed application and documentation to:**

Executive Director  
Ohio Chapter ISA  
PO Box 267  
Baltimore, OH 43105-9998



OHIO CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please Print or Type all Requested Information

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address Street

City State Postal Code

Phone Numbers Home Business

Fax Number Cell or Alternate #

E-mail Address

**Educational Experience (must be related to arboriculture)**

Jr. College/University

Address

City State Postal Code

Type of Degree Major

Date of Enrollment From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year) Total Time

**Application Submitted For Consideration in the Following Category (please check one):**

- Option I – Ohio ISA Certified Arborist (\$750 Value)
- Option II – Ohio ISA Professional Development (\$500)
- Option III – Ohio ISA Traditional Student (Value \$1,000)

**Practical Experience (information required for application consideration)**

Current or Most Recent Employer/Company

Your Position

Contact Person His/Her Title

Phone Number Company Address

City State Postal Code

Date of Employment From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year) Total Time

Job duties related to arboriculture:

**Ohio Chapter ISA Scholarship Application Continued**

Enter Last Name of Applicant

Previous Employer/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ His/Her Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Company Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
From (Month/Year) To (Month/Year) Total Time

Job duties related to arboriculture:

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**Essay Questions**

This information will be used for judging the application. Attach separate sheet if more space is required.

Why do you want to become a Certified Arborist?

Do you have personal or professional needs for this scholarship, or are there specific reasons that you should be awarded this scholarship?

Do you work or provide professional tree care service in Ohio? Please explain.

**Signature/Approval of Information**

I have completed the application to the best of my abilities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Must be signed by Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date