OGSA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BURSARY

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SCHOLARSHIP POLICY STATEMENT:

The OGSA Professional Development Bursary was created in partnership with the Kirkpatrick family, in honor of the significant contributions that OGSA member Hugh Kirkpatrick made to the golf turfgrass industry during his tenure as a superintendent. Originally named the Hugh Kirkpatrick Bursary, this award was developed to recognize the leadership, commitment and accomplishments of assistant superintendents who are members of the OGSA and is intended to support further professional development.

FUNDING:

Funding has been made available annually to assistant superintendents for industry related training and education like short courses, educational seminars, or conferences.

Two cash prizes of $1,500.00 will be awarded, plus a full conference pass for each winner to the upcoming OGSA Turfgrass Management Conference.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1st of each year. Submissions can be emailed to admin@ogsa.ca

Please combine all components of your application into one PDF file.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Resume & reference letter – demonstrates community / leadership (30%)
- Demonstrated commitment to a career in golf course turfgrass management (30%)
- Demonstrated an understanding and challenges in the golf course turf industry in a clear and engaging way (30%)
- Application presentation (10%)

TO QUALIFY:

- The applicant must be a Class "C" member in good standing of the OGSA at the time of the application and award of the bursary.
- The applicant must be currently employed as an Assistant Superintendent in the province of Ontario.
- The applicant must include with the application:
    - A current resume outlining community/industry involvement
    - A letter of recommendation from their Superintendent
    - Two essays of merit, 500 words each

Essay # 1: State your goals and ambitions regarding your future in the golf industry. How will this bursary support your professional development?
Essay # 2: Your choice of topic relevant to the position as a golf course assistant superintendent.