

Desert Green Foundation: Linn Mills Scholarship Application Form

Applications Due September 20, 2024 5 p.m. PST (extended application period)

Applicants will be contacted with results on September 30

Linn Mills was a founding father of the Desert Green Foundation, brilliant horticulturist, and life-long supporter of horticulture education. In honorarium, the Desert Green Foundation offers a top scholarship award of \$500 to one student enrolled in higher education pursuits in the fields of horticulture, landscape architecture, agronomy, arboriculture, or related fields.

In addition to the cash scholarship, the Desert Green Foundation will support student attendance at the Desert Green conference by awarding scholarships including registration, lodging, and up to \$250 in transportation costs for students that score highest in the scholarship competition. Typically, approximately 3 travel scholarships are awarded, depending on annual funding.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicant must be attending at least 6 units of coursework at time of application and in the following fall semester. Proof of attendance and instructor approval will be required before scholarship award is granted in October.

Application Criteria:

Applicant must be currently attending an accredited university in pursuit of a certificate and/or degree in Agricultural Science (includes horticulture, landscape, agronomy, irrigation, architecture, arboriculture, etc.).

- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 units of related classes per quarter/semester
- In good academic standing maintaining a minimum of a "C" grade in each class currently attending
- Showing an overall GPA of 2.5 for all courses completed within the major course of study thus far

Support Documentation Required:

- Current and other college transcripts (If horticulture course work has been completed at other institutions.)
- Completed Desert Green Scholarship Application Form
- Cover letter stating academic and professional goals
- Current resume listing past five years of job experience, acquired skills and knowledge, prior academic degrees, extra-curricular involvement in industry organizations, volunteer efforts, etc.
- Two letters of recommendation from instructors, employers, acquaintances of two or more years

Any files that are uploaded will be shared outside of the organization they belong to.

* Indicates required question



1. Name: *

2. Mailing Address: *

3. Email Address: *

4. Phone Number: *

5. Name of College Attending: *

6. Department Chair/Coordinator Name, Email Address and Phone Number: *

7. Major Area of Academic Specialty: *

8. Courses (in major) successfully completed (either list here – or you may attach transcript with courses highlighted): *

9. Overall GPA: *

10. Expected date of certificate/degree completion (month and year): *

11. Upload college transcript(s) from undergraduate and graduate institutions, and any related certificates: *

Files submitted:

12. Please discuss your academic and professional goals: *

1-2 paragraphs, focusing on your interests in related to horticulture, landscape architecture, environmental, and green-industry fields

13. Current resume (or CV, attached as a Word form or PDF) including your past five years of job experience, acquired skills and knowledge, prior academic degrees, extra-curricular involvement in industry organizations, volunteer efforts, and any other relevant information you think would benefit the scholarship committee. *

Files submitted:

14. Please attach two letters of recommendation from instructors, employers, acquaintances of two or more years. *

Files submitted:

15. If awarded, would you be able to accept the FEES scholarship and attend the Desert Green Conference in Las Vegas, October 17-18, 2024 *

Joe Fortier was one of the founding members of the Desert Green Foundation. Joe was a highly regarded member of the landscape irrigation industry throughout the Desert Southwest and a tireless advocate of continued education for industry professionals. The Fortier Excellence in Education Scholarship (FEES) award will allow the awardee/s to attend the annual Desert Green conference to accept the Linn Mills Scholarship award. FEES will pay for both days and cover all registration fees for educational sessions, meals, handouts, and entrance to the trade show. Travel and lodging will be included for out-of-the area recipients.

Mark only one.

Yes

No