



California Landscape Contractors Association's
**LANDSCAPE EDUCATIONAL
ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION**

LEAF Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for a LEAF Scholarship.

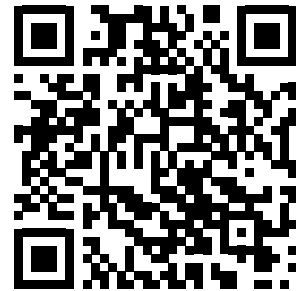
The LEAF Scholarship Program is a merit based scholarship awarded to undergraduate students attending an accredited community college or state university and majoring in a horticulture-related program leading to a career in the landscape contracting industry or related fields. Applicants should show sufficient academic progress, work experience and extracurricular activities to demonstrate their intent to become a landscape industry professional.

1. Any student attending an accredited California community college or state university majoring in a landscape-related program is eligible to apply. **Students attending a community college must carry a minimum of 9 units to qualify. Students at a state college or university must carry a minimum of 12 units to qualify.** Certificate programs alone are not eligible. *Please note that this is a new eligibility requirement for the LEAF scholarship.*
2. Scholarships are available for students who will be continuing at their current college or who will be transferring to another accredited college in the fall of 2026. Recipients will receive the funds only after providing official PROOF OF ATTENDANCE for the fall semester.
3. Three letters of recommendation are required. One of these three letters must be from a CURRENT instructor or counselor. The other two can be from a CURRENT OR RECENT employer, club/activity advisor, previous instructor or church leader. If reapplying, please supply **current** letters.
4. A copy of your college transcript(s) from each college attended is required.
5. Applications will be independently reviewed by the members of the CLCA Auxiliary Scholarship Selection Committee. Criteria includes career goals, extracurricular activity, work experience, GPA in major, financial need and letters of recommendation. Scores will be tallied and recipients chosen accordingly.
6. Any information submitted (application information, employment, letters of reference, etc.) may be verified.
7. Mailed applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2026. Electronic applications must be received by April 15, 2026. NO EXTENSIONS. The applicant is responsible for getting completed application to LEAF by the deadline, including letters and transcripts. It is recommended the entire application package is submitted at the same time.
8. Send completed application, letters of recommendation and transcript(s) to:

LEAF Foundation
1545 River Park Drive, Suite 525
Sacramento, CA 95815

or email leaf@clca.org

*You may download
a fillable pdf of this
LEAF application
at clca.org/leaf*



1545 River Park Drive, Suite 525, Sacramento, CA 95815-4501

Phone: (916) 830-2780 | Email: leaf@clca.org

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Personal Data

1. Name:

E-Mail:

2. Current Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

2. Permanent Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Educational Background

4. Name of School Attending Currently:

☐ 2 Year College

☐ 4 Year College

5. Name of School Planning to Attend in Fall:

☐ 2 Year College

☐ 4 Year College

6. Current College Major:

Minor (If Any):

7. Current Year in School:

☐ Freshman

☐ Sophomore

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

☐ Graduate

8. Total Number of College Units Completed:

Number of College Units Currently Carrying:

9. Number of Units Completed in Major:

10. Overall Grade Point Average:

Grade Point Average in Major:

11. How Many Years in College:

Expected Date of Graduation:

12. Please list all schools attended. Attach a current transcript for each school attended.

a) School:

☐ 2 Year College

☐ 4 Year College

Dates:

Major:

b) School:

☐ 2 Year College

☐ 4 Year College

Dates:

Major:

c) School:

☐ 2 Year College

☐ 4 Year College

Dates:

Major:

d) School:

☐ 2 Year College

☐ 4 Year College

Dates:

Major:

e) School:

☐ 2 Year College

☐ 4 Year College

Dates:

Major:



Please attach an additional page if you need more space for your answers to the questions below.

Activities

13. Please list any awards, honors, scholarships, etc., you have received and in what year.

College:

High School:

14. College Activities Related to Landscaping:

15. High School Activities Related to Landscaping:

16. Community/Volunteer Activities Related to Landscaping:

17. Other Activities and Offices Held (college, high school, community):

Work Experience

18. Please list work experience as far back as possible, whether related to landscaping or not.

a) Employer:

Dates:

Job Titles & Duties:

b) Employer:

Dates:

Job Titles & Duties:

c) Employer:

Dates:

Job Titles & Duties:

d) Employer:

Dates:

Job Titles & Duties:



Please attach an additional page if you need more space for your answers to questions below.

Educational and Occupational Goals

19. State your Educational Objectives Related to Landscape Contracting or Related Fields: (Degrees, Certificates, Etc.):
20. Describe Your Career/Professional Goals in the Landscape Industry. Where Do You Envision Yourself in 5 Years? 10 Years?:
21. Include Any Additional information About Yourself, Including Your Reasons for Choosing this Field:
22. Reasons for Requesting Financial Assistance:

Required

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| <input type="radio"/> Letters of recommendation attached. | <input type="radio"/> College transcript attached. |
| <input type="radio"/> Letters of recommendation will be mailed separately and MUST BE postmarked by April 15, 2026. | <input type="radio"/> College transcript will be mailed separately and MUST BE postmarked by April 15, 2026. |
| <input type="radio"/> In an effort to support students in the Green Industry, members of the California Landscape Contractors Association may contact you to invite you to an event. Please check if you <i>do not</i> want to be contacted. | |

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing, I declare that all information on this application is true and accurate. I also acknowledge that my name, school, major and career goals may be used in promotional materials including, but not limited to, articles, press releases, social media and other outlets.

All information on this application may be verified.



Deadlines

LEAF Scholarship Applications must be **postmarked by April 15, 2026**.

LEAF Scholarship Applications submitted via email or PDF submission must be **received by April 15, 2026**.

Disqualifications

Applications will be disqualified if they miss the submission deadline or do not include a completed application, three letters of recommendation and all college transcripts.

Submitting

Mail

LEAF Foundation
1545 River Park Drive, Suite 525
Sacramento, CA 95815

Email

leaf@clca.org

If you do not receive an email confirmation within three days after submitting your application electronically, please contact Sandra Giarde at (916) 830-2780.

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