

## 2023-2024 Undergraduate Student Scholarships & Awards

Submit applications/nominations to the PSLA Department Chair  
February 15th.

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**The Homeland Garden Club (Student selected by LARC Faculty) \$250.00**

Awarded to a graduating senior in Landscape Architecture. Selection will be made by LARC Faculty based on student's GPA, creativity, and performance. The recipient receives a \$250 credit for purchasing books on landscape architecture and design.

**Landscape Architecture Award of Excellence (Student selected by LARC Faculty) \$500.00**

Given to the outstanding Landscape Architecture senior. Selection made by LARC faculty based on consistently exceptional creative and scholarly work, collegial spirit, and professional demeanor of the student throughout the four years of study.

**ASLA Honor and Merit Award Nominees (Student Nominees selected by LARC Faculty)**

Nominees for these awards must be truly outstanding as measured by our program's long-term standards of excellence. They must also have demonstrated the highest level of academic scholarship and of accomplishments in skills related to the art and technology of landscape architecture.

**Olmsted UMD Scholar (Student selected by LARC Faculty) n/a**

The Landscape Architecture Foundation's Olmsted Scholars Program recognizes and supports students with exceptional leadership potential who are using ideas, influence, communication, service, and leadership to advance sustainable design and foster human and societal benefits.

**Bartlett Tree Foundation Scholarship****\$3,000**

This scholarship will be awarded to a student with a genuine career interest in Urban Forestry. Freshman to seniors are eligible to receive this award. Selection will be made by Urban Forestry faculty in PSLA

**A. Morris Decker Memorial Scholarship Endowment****\$1,000**

The award is in honor of Dr. Morris Decker, who was a professor here in forage and cover crops for more than 40 years. Dr. Decker's scholarship is intended to go to an undergraduate student in the later stages of their studies with preference given to a student in his or her senior year. The student has an interest in forage or cover crops, and has completed basic courses in this area. Suggested uses for the scholarship include: senior research projects, independent study projects, attendance at professional conferences and/or forage-related educational materials.

**Maryland State- Golf Association- Emmet Gary Scholarship****3 awards offered (\$4,000)**

Eligible applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in the Turf and Golf Course Management Curriculum at the University of Maryland. The student must demonstrate academic proficiency and show promise of academic success. No student with a cumulative grade point average below 2.00 during the spring semester of the year can be selected as a recipient. The

student must have a professed interest in seeking employment within the Golf Industry, preferably as a golf course superintendent or assistant superintendent. Preference will be given to a student who has worked on a golf course with a clear need for financial need. Recipients must be residents of the state of Maryland. Preference will also be given to students who are actively involved in extracurricular activities. This scholarship will be used to cover tuition and fees for one semester.

**Francis R. and Clara L. Gouin Undergraduate Horticulture Research Fund \$2,000-\$3,500**

This Fund was established by Dr. Francis R. Gouin, former Chair of the Horticulture Department, to support undergraduate research projects and travel to a regional or national meeting to present findings.

**Link- Shanks Award \$500.00**

Given by the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLGA) to a junior or first semester senior who has demonstrated an increased interest in Horticulture through improved academic performance.

**Joseph Newcomer Memorial Award \$500.00**

Financial assistance is provided to an undergraduate student who has an interest in a career related to agronomic production or a closely related area.

**Joe E. James Memorial Award \$1,000.00**

This award is to be given to the graduating **horticulture** senior(s) with the highest GPA. Plant Sciences majors are eligible for this award. Joe Elbert James worked as a farm advisor who was greatly appreciated by commercial fruit growers. On his passing, the fruit industry established this award in his name.

**Plant Science Leadership Award (Student nominated by Faculty) \$1,000.00**

Awarded to an undergraduate student who has exhibited outstanding leadership skills in department, college, campus, or off-campus activities that are related to the student's academic interest.

**The Chris Walsh Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award \$1,250.00**

The purpose of this award shall be able to recognize an outstanding teaching assistant each year in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. A letter of nomination may be made by a faculty member, staff member or undergraduate student from the Department. The final decision will be made by the PSLA Undergraduate Committee. Applicants should list the classes for which they TA, teaching evaluations from students, and letters of recommendations.

**Spirit of the Studio (Student selected by LARC Faculty)**

**\$500.00**

The Spirit of the Studio Award is an annual LARC Scholarship. The award is given to an exemplary landscape student who possesses great character, is an enthusiastic and dedicated learner, a generous and supportive colleague, and who embodies the spirit of our design community. LARC may choose to give more than one award in a year.

**Steve Cohan Endowed Scholarship in Landscape Studies (Up to Two \$500.00 scholarships)**

The Steven Cohan Scholarship in Landscape Studies will provide undergraduate merit scholarships to incoming students (Freshman, transfers or changes to this major) for landscape studies in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Eligible applicants must demonstrate a strong interest in landscape construction or management via participation in an internship at a landscape management company. Landscape management minors are also eligible to apply for this award. Minimum GPA required to apply for this award is 2.5.