
Section 1 - Applicant information

Name: Michael Ferrara

Date: 9/14/2023

Club: Langdon Farms Golf Club

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97027

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Section 2 - Employer information if applicant is not an Oregon GCSA Member

Member Since: Employee since 2022

Current Classification: Greenskeeper

Members Signature: Michael I Ferrara

Section 3 - Work History & Activities

Type of work	Employer	Employment Dates
Warehouse Foreman	Portland Fruit Company	2013-2017
General Contractor	TTM Home Designs	2018
Finish Carpenter	Jay McGraw Construction	2018-2022

List your activities outside of work (clubs, organizations, community service, etc.): golfing, basketball, carpentry, family and friends

Section 4 – Applicant Letter of Interest

Michael Ferrara

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4th September 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is my submission for the Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series Scholarship. I have been interested in joining the program since I learned of the opportunity. I currently work on the turf team at Langdon Farms Golf Club, and I'm eager to do what I can in order to further my career in the turfgrass management industry. I believe this course will leave me better equipped to advance in the field, and I'd be proud to receive education from Oregon State University

Since I started working in the golf industry, I've spent a large chunk of my time on the course. I love being in the environment, from the course to the people. I'm proud of Langdon when in its best condition, and I appreciate the process it takes to get there. Though I have no formal education, I do have experience and am capable of learning quickly.

After ten years of working manual labor jobs, I have seen many people with education and relationships, who lack work ethic or experience, excel over others who lack education but have worked hard for many years. I quit a high paying career as a finish carpenter to start at Langdon Farms, because I love golf and golf courses. I want to become a Superintendent of a golf course one day, and I believe the PACE program could provide me with the opportunity to progress towards my goal. I'm thankful for my chance to apply, and I hope to be involved in classes come fall.

Sincerely,

Michael Ferrara

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Section 5 – Oregon GCSA Member letter of recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Stephen Purdy, and I am the Golf Course Superintendent of Langdon Farms Golf Club. It is my pleasure to recommend Michael Ferrara for the Oregon GCSAA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series Scholarship. For the last calendar year he has continuously asked how he could go further, and I cannot think of a better first step.

I have known Michael since he started working on the Langdon Farms Crew in the fall of 2022. From the first interview he expressed his passion for the new game of golf he had discovered. While he originally showed the passion for the playing side of the game, he quickly transitioned into the agronomics side of golf. Michael soon began asking questions and showing interest that is not common of all crew members. He has since shown the desire to learn more in all aspects of turf maintenance. Michael would be a great choice for a scholarship recipient. He lives all aspects of golf. There have been numerous times he has expressed the desire to go further in his career. If there is one story I could summarize Michael Ferrara up it would be this. When I asked Michael what his long term plans were, he said, "I love being outside and being on a golf course too much. If I do anything it will always be on a golf course." That is a characteristic you cannot teach, as much as I wish you could.

Michael Ferrara is a young man who is committed to his job and the improvement of Langdon Farms Golf Club, both because of his passion to play golf but also to improve other golfers' experiences. He is someone who if given the chance could further his career, and the Oregon GCSAA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series Scholarship is something that could help kick start that growth.

Stephen Purdy

Langdon Farms Golf Club Superintendent

Certification

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Michael Ferrara 9/14/2023