

The Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management Application Form

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Section 1 – Applicant Information

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

Name of Member _____

Club: _____

Cell Phone () _____ Email _____

Member Since _____
(Month/Year)

Current Classification _____

Member's Signature _____

Section 3 – Work History & Activities

List in chronological order work history in related turfgrass industry

Roberto Carlos Figueroa
Assistant Superintendent
Juniper Golf Course
1938 SW Elkhorn Ave
Redmond OR, 97756
September 09, 2023

To the OGCSA Scholarship Committee,

There are many reasons why I would like to enroll in and finish the OSU PACE course. I could meet new people and further my connections with industry leaders in the turf management world, but there are a couple main reasons I know I need to go complete the program. With this opportunity not only will I enhance my education, but by doing so I will start becoming a more effective leader as well.

Bettering my education is very important to me because I want to be the best that I can be in whatever situation I am in. When I first started in the golf industry I had no idea how much science was done behind the scenes. As soon as I found out I was instantly hooked. Part of the reason could be that I grew up in an agriculture setting and loved crop and animal science back in high school. Now, I want to learn as much as possible about turf science and golf course management. The more well versed and versatile I am in subjects ranging from turfgrass diseases to irrigation, the more the golf course can benefit from my progress. With more education more doors open to industry experience and vice versa. When everything adds up I will be able to help those working alongside me by educating them on certain subjects and bouncing ideas off of each other. It won't matter if it's another superintendent or a seasonal employee, everyone deserves to learn. With the completion of the PACE course I know I can accomplish that.

Seeing other leaders be able to do lots of positive things for others and the turf industry itself has inspired me to do the same. With education, experience and hard work I know I can grow into a better leader not only for the golf course I am at but for the world of turf management. I am eager and interested in finding solutions to diseases, pests and malpractices. I want to enhance everyone's experience that I come in contact with around turf.

From students and teachers participating in the First Green, to my coworkers and other leaders. Most importantly, I believe in success with those around you. Once I am able, I want to work with others to make education in turf management more accessible just as it has already started to be for my generation of future students. With a little more help I will engage the turf industry more within the community so more people can better understand what it takes to make the beautiful properties and organizations I am very fortunate to be in. It is not just riding a lawn mower and pulling weeds all day.

To conclude, there is endless opportunity waiting for me in this industry. I have the drive to enhance my career as far as possible and the careers of others. With the help of the PACE courses, I can kickstart this incredible journey.

Thank You,

Roberto Carlos Figueroa
Assistant Superintendent
Juniper Golf Course

Chanaan Fasanello
Golf Course Superintendent
Juniper Golf Course
1938 SW Elkhorn Ave
Redmond OR 97756
August 30, 2023

PACE Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1556
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear PACE Scholarship Committee :

Assistant Superintendent Roberto Carlos Figueroa works for Juniper Golf Course. He started his career in outside services cleaning golf carts and moved up to equipment tech at Portland Golf Club. Over the last two years working for me he has received his Pesticide license and learned to manage 14 staff and daily Golf Maintenance operation.

Roberto is a bright and personable person. He is highly Motivated and capable of achieving his goals. In the last ten years he is the first Assistant Superintendent that I have mentored that I believe has the motivation and drive to become a Superintendent.

The Golf Industry needs more people like Roberto if the industry wants to keep moving forward.

Sincerely,

Chanaan Fasanello
Golf Course Superintendent
Juniper Golf Course