

To the OGCSA board,

I am writing to express my interest in completing the Oregon State University turfgrass management pace course. As an avid golfer, I have developed a deep passion for turfgrass and the meticulous care it requires. While working for Langdon Farms Golf Club, I have come to understand the importance of proper turfgrass management. While understanding this, I feel like I have much more to learn and by having the opportunity to be selected for this program it will allow me to put my skills to the next level.

One of the key factors that attracted me to the program is OSU holding a national reputation in turfgrass management. The university's commitment to excellence in that program make it an ideal learning environment for aspiring turfgrass managers like me. Attending this course would not only provide me with the necessary knowledge and skills to excel in this field, but also expose me to a network of industry professionals and peers who share my passion. I am particularly drawn to the pace format of the course, as it offers me the flexibility to study at my own pace while still furthering my career aspirations. This format is essential for me, as I currently work and must balance my family life. While having two young kids that are interested in golf as well, I am trying to set a great example for my children showing them that they can achieve any goal they set for themselves, no matter the challenges they may face. I myself, have made a career change later in life. I did so knowing there are challenges and difficulties that come with that change, but I am up for the adventure. This program will allow me the flexibility to make the dream a reality. I want my family to see the hard work I am willing to put into this course. I have always hoped for an opportunity like the pace course at Oregon State University to present itself to me and accommodating my busy schedule. I appreciate that the turfgrass management pace course at Oregon State University recognizes the importance of work-life balance and strives to provide a comprehensive education that fits seamlessly into the lives of its students.

Lastly, I am excited about the opportunity to learn from OSU. The region diverse climate and terrain offer a unique set of challenges and opportunities for turfgrass management. I am eager to learn how to adapt and thrive in these dynamic environments that Oregon throws at us, as it will prepare me for a successful career in the industry and help me to strive with the position I'm in with Langdon Farms golf club.

In conclusion, I am truly passionate about turfgrass management and believe this scholarship would benefit me. I am committed to dedicating myself to this course and contributing to the field of turfgrass management in a meaningful way. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Graydon Justis

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Stephen Purdy, and I am writing to recommend Graydon Justis for the Oregon GCSAA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series Scholarship. I have known Graydon all of my life and recently he has changed professions to pursue something two things he has always loved, turfgrass and golf.

Hard work and desire to produce the best results no matter the job are what sums up Graydon. He is not afraid to do the dirty work, and he always strives for results he would want to see if he were the customer. Graydon also has a good deal of managerial experience and he is not afraid to take charge. As an assistant in training he has shown many strengths, but the one strength he still lacks is that of turfgrass education. Learning on the job is obviously a big part of our jobs, but higher education also allows someone to take that next step. If Graydon could take that next step he would be a great asset to Langdon or any other course he would choose to pursue. That is what this course is all about, helping employees grow, and the golf courses benefitting from that as well.

Graydon Justis is an individual who is committed to furthering his education of turfgrass, both on the job and hopefully in the classroom. He has made adjustments and sacrifices in his life to make his dream in the last decade a reality. Being accepted as a recipient for the PACE scholarship would help Graydon get an early jumpstart to a new career he has always known he wanted.

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Stephen Purdy

Langdon Farms Golf Club Superintendent

The Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass  
Management Application Form

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**Section 1 – Applicant Information**

Name Graydon Justis Date 9/15/23

Club: Langdon Farms Golf Club

Preferred Mailing (Club or ~~home~~) Address

513 NW Harold St.

City Sublimity State OR Zip 97385

Cell Phone (971)-241-7854 Email graydojustis@gmail.com

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

Name of Member Steven Purdy

Club: Langdon Farms Golf Club

Cell Phone (503)-881-1825 Email spurdy@langdonfarms.com

Member Since 2009  
(Month/Year)

Current Classification A

Member's Signature 

**Section 3 – Work History & Activities**

List in chronological order work history in related turfgrass industry

Type of work	Employer	Employment dates
Turfgrass Crew	Langdon Farms	June 2023 - Present

List your activities outside of work (clubs, organizations, community service, etc.):

Board Member of Santiam Canyon Stampede  
 Coach for youth sports  
 Mens league for Santiam Golf Course

**Section 4 – Applicant Letter of Interest**

Attach a typed letter of interest that does not exceed 500 words. The letter of interest must be original and not previously submitted to Oregon GCSA. The letter should cover the following:

1. Why are you interested in completing the Oregon State University (OSU) Turfgrass Management PACE course and how will assist you in your career in the industry?

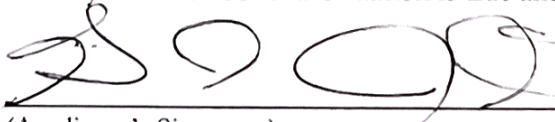
**Section 5 – Oregon GCSA Member letter of recommendation**

**Non-Oregon GCSA members:** Attach a letter of recommendation from sponsoring Oregon GCSA member. The letter of recommendation must be composed on official letterhead, dated and signed. The letter of recommendation must be original and not previously submitted to Oregon GCSA.

**Oregon GCSA Members:** Attach a letter of recommendation from an industry peer, club management or club member.

**Certification**

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



(Applicant's Signature)

9/15/23

(Date)