

To the members of the Oregon Chapter GCSAA board,

My name is Amador Martinez, I prefer to go by AJ though. Ever since I was a young boy of 14 I have been in love with the golf industry. I was raised in Woodburn Oregon about 5 minutes away from the OGA golf course. I would spend any and all of my free time playing and practicing golf. I currently work at Langdon Farms Golf Club with the turf crew, I've been with them since February of this year. Having the opportunity to learn another side of the golf industry has been very rewarding and I am hopeful in having the chance to further my education within this program.

I am very enthusiastic about the turf crew and each part of the job, even the parts of the job that are not everyone's favorite. Having this job has helped teach me very valuable life lessons. I find that I am more disciplined since starting this job because it takes dedicated focus to make sure we're doing our job correctly, to ensure the best outcome whether it's mowing the greens or weed eating or even just taking the trash out. There's no giving up either, once you start you have to finish and that alone has pushed me to be mentally stronger.

I would like to be considered for this opportunity because I believe that I have the right ambitions to make this a very successful and rewarding career. I can envision myself as a leader in the turf department. From playing golf at different golf courses over the years, I know what a good golf course looks like and plays like. I want to learn exactly what it takes to make it an exceptional golf course and with this scholarship, I believe that I will be able to.

I believe having this education as a foundation will only help me grow more in life and as a person. Completing this course will help set me up for a future for not only myself but my family. I not only want to be a strong leader in the golf industry but also one at home. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for the consideration in receiving this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Amador Martinez