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Oregon GCSA Board Of Directors

My name is Bryce Wolfe, I am writing this letter of interest in regards to the Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management PACE Course Scholarship. I am 26 years old from Port Orchard, Washington. I Graduated from Washington State University in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Geospatial Analysis. It was during my senior year of school at Washington State that I discovered my passion for the turf industry. I am currently employed at Awbrey Glen Golf Club in Bend, Oregon.

I have always had a passion for the outdoors, natural world and the scientific processes within them. My first job experience within the turf industry was at Gold Mountain Golf Club in Bremerton, Washington. I worked for Gold Mountain Golf Club under the head superintendent Abel Anderson. Within my first week of working for the golf maintenance department at Gold Mountain I knew that golf course maintenance and the turf industry was my passion and future career path. Abel and other staff members at Gold Mountain explained all the science behind what it takes to maintain a healthy and proper golf course. I was enthralled with the science and processes that go into everyday as well as long term seasonal golf course operations. After working with Abel and the assistant superintendents at Gold Mountain I knew I was an aspiring superintendent of my own.

It was at Gold Mountain Golf Club where I was introduced to basic turfgrass management practices. I have been able to grow the most within my turf career at Awbrey Glen Golf Club under superintendent Kyle Watt. Kyle has given me the opportunity to expand my turf management resume by allowing me to take on an assistant in training role. Allowing me to take on more responsibility and practice more advanced turf practices such as spraying, verticutting, fertilization, and aerification.

My next step in advancing in a turf management career would be acquiring professional education. I would benefit immensely from turf management education. I have a good understanding of how everyday maintenance practices work and are necessary through my time with Gold Mountain Golf Club as well as Awbrey Glen. With a proper education I know I could assume a role as superintendent or assistant superintendent in my future and apply my education and work experience to produce high quality playing conditions.

Aside from my passion towards turf practices, my passion for the game of golf is just as strong. I grew up playing and admiring the game of golf with my father and brother. I understand how the game of golf and high quality golf courses can bring people together and I hold that very close to me. It is hard for me to put into words how much this opportunity would mean to me if I was selected for this scholarship. A life changing opportunity would be an understatement. I have never been more confident in my career path. If I was to enter the PACE Course this fall/ winter it would allow me to truly jumpstart my career and have some financial stability. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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