The Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management Application Form

Section 1 - Applicant Information

Name: <u>Dylan Thomas Larsen</u> Date: <u>09/12/24</u>

Club: Bend Golf Club

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

Name of Member: Scott Moffenbeier

Club: Bend Golf Club

Cell Phone: (541) 948-2576 Email: moff@bendgolfclub.com

Member Since: October/1996

Current Classification: Class 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
Greenskeeper- Golf Course Maintenance & Landscaping	Bend Golf Club	Seasonal Spring 2020 - Present
Baseball Field Management	Lassen College	Fall 2022 - Spring 2024

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

- Recreational golfer
- Snowboarding, mountain biking, fishing, camping and rock-climbing
- Former college baseball player
- Variety of community service projects with Lassen College Baseball Team
- Varsity summer baseball coach at Bend Senior High School

Section	4 -	Apı	plicant	Letter	of	Interest
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See attachment

Section 5 - Oregon GCSA Member letter of recommendation

See attachment

Certification			

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

9/12/24

(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

OGCSA
PACE Scholarship
Selection Committee

August 27, 2024

Dear Committee Members,

After my sophomore year of high school, I began looking for my first job. I was hired at Bend Golf Club to work on the golf course maintenance crew with the intention of being there for just the summer. Now in my 5th summer season, I have never had the desire to work any other job because I love what I do and look forward to going to work every day and being on the golf course. Each year I return, I am excited and fascinated to learn new jobs and operate a variety of equipment. These experiences have sparked my interest to pursue turf management as a career.

My supervisor Scott Moffenbeier has taken me under his wing and showed me the ropes of being a golf course superintendent. I have gained knowledge on a variety of practices including irrigation, topdressing, and aeration. I have also learned many skills such as course setup, mowing, and hand watering during my time at Bend Golf Club.

I am very excited to be part of Oregon State University's PACE Turfgrass Management Program to help me gain more technical skills and ultimately reach my goal of one day being a golf course superintendent. I feel as though I have only scratched the surface, and I wish to deepen my knowledge of the golf industry and turfgrass management.

Aside from my dream of being a golf course superintendent, I have also considered other options. I am a recent college graduate with an AA in Social Sciences from Lassen College in Northern California where I played collegiate baseball. I am interested in exploring sports field management, specifically baseball complexes. During my time at school, I oversaw field maintenance for my college baseball field and loved being part of that as well. I think that completing the PACE Program certification will help strengthen my skill set to work in any area of the turfgrass management industry.

I hope to continue building up a strong resume, and the PACE Program feels like the best step I could take to strengthen my credentials during the off season. This program will give me a solid foundation and give me the opportunity to extend my education in the field I love.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the PACE Scholarship. I look forward to hearing from the Selection Committee.

Sincerel

Dylan Thomas Larsen



September 8, 2024

OSU Pace Scholarship Selection Committee

It is with enthusiasm that I highly recommend Dylan "Bucky" Larsen, Bend Golf Club Maintenance Team Member, be considered for the 2024 Oregon State University PACE Scholarship.

Now in his 5th season at the club, I have seen Dylan grow from a young high school student working part time to someone I can count on with many tasks on the golf course. I must admit how thrilled I am when he tells me he wants to come back each year.

When he came to me last winter expressing his strong interest to enter the turf management industry, I immediately went to work trying to figure out how to help him accomplish his goals for the future.

Dylan is well respected by all staff at Bend Golf Club and is willing to do any job needed on the golf course. He takes pride in his work and continually asks questions. He shows an eagerness to learn on a daily basis. Our plan over the next year will be to provide him with more experience with irrigation management and spray applications.

I was proud to see Dylan attend community college as a student athlete over the last 2 years. We need more individuals like him for the future of the industry. The OSU PACE Program is an intuitive next step for Dylan to progress in the industry and I believe he will be someone who succeeds in whatever turfgrass management path he takes. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Scott Moffenbeier

Golf Course Superintendent

Bend Golf Club

Tyler Roper
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09-11-2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Dylan Larsen, who I coached at Lassen Community College. The year I coached him, Dylan was one of the most dedicated, hardworking, and detail-oriented players I have had the pleasure of coaching.

Dylan's work ethic is something that will propel him to wherever he wants to go. He approaches challenges with an opportunity to learn. He is never afraid to ask questions to grow in the areas that are needed for him to do his job.

What truly sets Dylan apart, however, is his character. He is, without a doubt, one of the best human beings I have ever had the privilege of coaching. His resilience combined with his care level will lift him to the top of any group he is in.

I have no doubt that Dylan will excel in any endeavor he pursues, and I recommend him for any position or opportunity he seeks. His work ethic, character, and willingness to learn make him an invaluable asset to any school or organization.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Tyler Roper Assistant Baseball Coach Central Christian College of Kansas