



New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association

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The NHGCSA Scholarship Awards — Winter School Program Application —

Section 1 – Personal Information

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Section 2 – Employment History

Please list your work history for the last 5 years, current employer at the top.

Name of Employer:	Dates Employed:	Responsibilities Included:
Rochester Country Club	September 1 2024 -	Cut Cops, whatever is needed, aeration Spraying, irrigation, fertilization
Wentworth By The Sea CC	April 1 2020 - August 2024	Spray, irrigation, fertilization, Cops, mowing, aeration.
Ridgewood Country Club	March 1 2016 - March 2020	Mowing, cops, fertilization, aeration, spraying, irrigation

Section 3 – Educational Background

List in chronological order high schools attended, then colleges. *It is very important that this information is complete.*

Name & Location of Institution:	Dates Attended:	Date of Graduation:
Prospect Mountain High School	August 2005 - June 2009	June 2009
Southern New Hampshire University	Sept 2009 - Jan 2011	DNG - Transfer
NHTI	Jan 2011 - Dec-2012	Transfer
Keene State	Sept 2013 - May 2014	Did not finish.

Please list any turf related continuing education classes attended in the last two years. This includes but is not limited to pesticide recertification classes, turf shows, association sponsored meetings or events.

Name & Location of Institution:	Dates Attended:
Harrell's @ Wachusett CC	NOV 18, 2025
NH Chapter Meeting Pease Golf Club	NOV, 2025
NH Education Day Concord NH	DEC 2024
NH Education Day Concord NH	DEC 2023
NH Chapter Meeting Intervale CC	Winter 2025

Section 4 – Other Pertinent Information

Do you currently have a NH Pesticide License?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Winter School program are you applying to? UMASS online Winter School

Have you been accepted for the upcoming winter school session?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Section 5 - Essay

Attach a typewritten essay (no less than 1000 words) detailing your career plans in the turf industry, what you hope to learn at Winter School, how you plan to utilize what you learn in your current position, and why you feel you are a deserving candidate.

Section 6 – Recommendation

Please attach 2 letters of recommendation, one needs to be from your current Superintendent/Turf Care Manager, and one from a personal acquaintance outside the turf industry, who is willing to vouch for your dedication, work ethic, and personality.

Certification

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

Brendan Huey

Applicant's Signature

July 17, 2025

Date



ROCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB

November 24, 2025

Gentlemen,

I have known Brendan for a few years. First as a Rochester Country Club member and currently as my assistant superintendent. Through our conversations and working together, he has proven himself to be a man with good character and integrity. He has expressed his desire to move up to a superintendent role and is highly motivated to make this happen. His acceptance into the Umass Winter School for '26 continues to fuel that desire. Thank you for considering assisting Brendan's career development with a scholarship. I look forward to seeing him develop into an excellent superintendent and becoming an active member of the NHGCSA.

John Clark

Superintendent

Rochester Country Club



TO

New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association

10.28.2025

NHGCSA Board members and officers,

I am writing this scholarship reference letter to highly recommend Brendan Hussey for a NHGCSA scholarship for the UMASS Turf Winter School. In fact, I would be proud to recommend Brendan for any program that allowed him to advance his career that he is so passionate about.

I worked with Brendan for (4) summers at Country Landscaping in Alton, NH. Although we were the same age, he was the leader of our small group - both in ability and attitude. Over the course of those summers, I watched as our boss relied on Brendan for more advanced tasks each day. He was trusted with the more advanced equipment and was asked to complete technical hardscape jobs to the client's satisfaction.

Although we no longer work together, I have watched Brendan advance his career over the last decade with the same enthusiasm and work ethic that he exhibited a decade ago, and he remains a very close friend. I would not hesitate to call him if I ever needed help in an emergency or advice on my own lawn.

His love for the game of golf has clearly evolved into a passion for golf course management and the logistics and planning that go into making a New Hampshire golf course flourish in tough New England conditions. He will be an asset to the game of golf in the state of New Hampshire for years to come, and as a lifelong NH resident and golfer myself, I believe he is very deserving of consideration for this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Justin B. Eldridge

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brendan Hussey, and I am writing to you for a chance to earn a scholarship towards the payment of winter turf school. I am currently in my second season as the Assistant Superintendent at Rochester Country Club. Previously I worked as the Assistant Superintendent at Wentworth by The Sea for four years, and Ridgewood Country Club as the Assistant Superintendent for four years. I attended school at SNHU for business but after 2 years I realized this was not the plan I had envisioned for myself. While I was in school, I spent most of my free time landscaping and playing golf. I really wanted to tie the two together, so I went out and searched for a start. With that said it led me to the opportunity at Ridgewood for the start of my journey and now I am looking forward to the finish line.

My goal in the turf industry has always been to become a Superintendent. I have put in countless hours working six days a week. This job always keeps me on my toes, and I am never surprised about how much I continue to learn. Whether it is coming in to find a main line break or having the spray nozzles clog when your about to hit play. This job never has dull moments. What I have learned from this is to not only keep your head and stay positive, but to slow down and take a deep breath because it's not the last time this is going to occur. My friends always ask me how I can work weekends. I always tell them its not work when you love what you do. I am enthusiastic about my work, and I always get excited to see the final product. This job can break you down, and sometimes second guess why you're doing it. It can make your brain run wild even when you are not on the course you're suddenly thinking or even dreaming about it. It's an obsession that I have learned to love, and I wouldn't change my career for anything.

What I hope garner from winter school is a greater knowledge of the science behind the turf industry. Such as scientific names, breaking down fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides. I would also like to have a greater understanding of identifying diseases and to quickly establish a plan of action to treat them. I have worked in the industry for 10 years and have a vast knowledge of turf. I have possessed my pesticides license for quite some time. I know the commitment you need to do the job, and I have the experience. I am just missing that piece of paper that proves I have some formal education in the turf industry.

I plan to utilize my education from winter turf school in my current position by translating the information straight to the course. First and foremost, I need to be better at knowing the scientific names of fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides. It would honestly be quite a relief to have this knowledge rather than using google or continually referencing product labels. Secondly, I hope to teach colleagues, old and new, what I have gained labels. It's not a terrible thing to have to ask John Clark numerous questions, but it would be a

privilege if I had the answers already. I would also like to take what I learn to have more intellectual conversations with salespeople and other turf managers. I often find myself behind in this aspect. It's not that I am dumb by any means, I am just missing the formal education. Overall, I would like to have one on one conversations when I am fully confident in what I am talking about in regard to the products. I look up to my boss John Clark and see how confident he is to share stories and work in the public setting. I strive to have the confidence and knowledge he has to do the same.

Finally, I feel that I am a deserving candidate for the scholarship because I have already made this my career. I have worked on NH courses for 10 seasons learning and leading. Some individuals may go into this thinking they want this career with little to no experience, and they may want this now but not later in life. By choosing me you are furthering my career to become another valuable member of the NHGCSA. Invest in me and your investment will pay off.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brendan Hussey RCC

Hello Brendan,

Based on your application, we are very pleased to offer you a seat for the 2026 UMass Winter School for Turf Managers. Congratulations!

Please refer our [acceptance webpage](#) and **carefully follow the instructions in the gray box** in order to secure your seat.

Your acceptance confirmation code (which you will need for payment) is: 773

Note: If this is not the main email address to be used for communications and enrollment for our online platform, please let us know ASAP. Please choose an address where we can most readily reach you.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any concerns or difficulties with this process.

Best regards,
The UMass Turf Winter School Team