

Northern Kentucky Certified Arborist Scholarship Program

In an effort to promote more professional arboriculture in the area, The Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council is offering tuition and other benefits for applicants for the calendar year 2007. The Certification Exam will be given in the fall of 2006 or the winter of 2007.

Successful applicants will receive:

1. One-year membership to the International Society of Arboriculture
2. One-year membership to the Kentucky Arborists Association
3. A personal copy of all study materials needed to prepare for the examination
4. Access to local Certification Preparation classes
5. Payment for one Certification Examination (personal travel expenses may be required and are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient)

The applicants will be judged by a committee on their ability to successfully pass the Certification Test. The application should be mailed to DJ. Scully, U.K., Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service, 3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights KY 41076

Eligibility Requirements

The ISA Certification Board requires a candidate to have **a minimum of three years of experience in arboriculture**. Acceptable experience includes the practical use of knowledge involved in pruning, fertilization, installation and establishment, diagnosis and treatment of tree problems, cabling and bracing, climbing or other services that directly relate to arboriculture. Examples of experience sources include **but are not limited to**

- Tree care companies
- Nursery and landscape personnel
- Municipalities
- State forestry personnel
- Utility personnel
- Instructors of arboriculture/horticulture
- Consulting Arborist
- Pest control advisors/applicators

The eligibility requirement also may be satisfied with a two-year degree in arboriculture and two years of practical experience or a four-year degree in a related field and one year of practical experience.

An arborist by definition is an individual who is trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, and maintaining individual trees. ISA Arborist Certification is a non-governmental, voluntary process by which individuals can document their base of knowledge. It operates without mandate of law and is an internal, self-regulating device administered by the International Society of Arboriculture. Certification provides a measurable assessment of an individual's knowledge and competence required to provide proper tree care.

Certification is not a measure of standards of practice. Certification can attest to the tree knowledge of an individual but cannot guarantee or ensure quality performance. Certified Arborists are individuals who have achieved a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation's leading experts on tree care.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. All applicants who receive the scholarship, whether they pass the examination or not, will be required to provide the Council 25 hours of volunteer time within one year of receiving the scholarship. This requirement may be fulfilled by performing such tasks as: consulting with local communities on urban forestry issues; coordinating or participating in public education events, such as Arbor Day; providing the Council with administrative or technical support; and/or other useful tasks at the mutual agreement of the scholarship recipient and the Council.
2. Certified Arborists must also continue their education to maintain their certification, as it is desirable that they remain up-to-date on current techniques in arboriculture. To maintain certification, Certified Arborists must obtain 30 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) within a three-year period. Scholarship recipients who successfully obtain certification must obtain these CEUs at their own expense. The Council will assist the recipients in learning of the many no-cost and low-cost methods of receiving the CEUs.
3. Applicants must work or provide service in the Northern Kentucky area and have a demonstrated interest in arboriculture.
4. All scholarship recipients must attend the mandatory training sessions offered by the NKY Urban and Community Forestry Council to prepare individuals for the ISA arborist certification examination. Scholarship may be revoked from individuals that do not attend the mandatory training sessions.

CERTIFIED ARBORIST APPLICATION

PRINT LAST NAME _____ PRINT FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

NUMBER AND STREET APT.NO. _____

CITY STATE POSTAL CODE _____

Phone Numbers _____ HOME _____ BUSINESS _____

Fax Number _____ CELL/ALTERNATE # _____

E-mail Address _____

Educational Experience (must be related to arboriculture)

Jr.College/University _____

Address _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Type of Degree _____ Major _____

Date of Enrollment _____ FROM: MONTH YEAR _____ TO: MONTH YEAR _____ TOTAL TIME _____

Practical Experience (this information is required for application approval)

Current or Most Recent Employer (Company) _____

Your Position _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

His/Her Title _____

Company Address _____ NUMBER AND STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Date of Employment _____ FROM: MONTH YEAR _____ TO: MONTH YEAR _____ TOTAL TIME IN YEARS _____

Duties Related to Arboriculture:

Previous Employer _____

Your Position _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

His/Her Title _____

Company Address _____

NUMBER AND STREET

_____ CITY

STATE _____

Duties related to arboriculture:

Questions (this information will be used for judging the application)

Why do you want to become a Certified Arborist?

Do you have personal or professional needs for this scholarship, or are there specific reasons that you should be awarded this scholarship?

Do you work or provide professional tree care service in NKY? Please explain.

I have completed the application:

SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

