



Scholarship Application to Become an ISA Certified Arborist

Scholarships made possible through the 2025 ReLeaf Grants from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Submit completed application forms to msa@msa-live.org

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Scholarships can cover:

- ISA Certified Arborist Application fee
- ISA Certified Arborist Exam fee
- the Arborists' Certification Study Guide
- Pre-approved education and study courses focused on ISA Certification

Scholarship funds will not cover:

- Membership fees

Scholarships will be offered on a first-come first-serve basis. If application is accepted, exams need to be completed and reimbursement paperwork submitted by no later than June 1, 2027.

You will only receive reimbursement once you submit receipts for your expenses. Also:

- Proof of having passed the exam will lead to a full reimbursement.
- Proof of a failed exam will lead to a reimbursement of only the study guide.

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Name (required):

Residential address (required):

Email address (required):

Phone (required):

Organization of employment (optional):

To be eligible for this scholarship you must check all of the boxes in the following section:

- I am a resident of the address provided above, which is an address located within an identified [UCF Priority Area](#).
- I have read the [ISA Certified Arborist Program Guide](#), understand the process, and have applied the process as required for obtaining an arborist certification. This includes applying to and being approved by ISA to take the exam.
- I understand that I must take and provide proof of passing the exam to ISA standards of 76% correct exam answers in order to receive reimbursement for the exam.
- I understand that I must provide proof of having taken the exam in order to receive reimbursement for the Arborists' Certification Study Guide.
- I understand that if my scholarship application is accepted, I will need to complete my exam and submit my reimbursement request by June 1, 2027.
- I understand that only exams taken after receiving scholarship acceptance are eligible for reimbursement.
- I understand that I will only be reimbursed for eligible expenses that I submit a receipt for.
- I certify that all information, statements, and data provided in my application are true. I acknowledge that any false information provided could result in denial of reimbursement and/or repayment of any funds received.

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What To Expect - Process & Timeline

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- Applications received will be reviewed on a first-come first-serve basis.
- Confirmation emails to approved and disapproved applicants will be sent by the 15th of the following month. For example, an application received in October 2026 will receive a confirmation email by November 15, 2026.
- If approved, exams need to be completed and reimbursement paperwork submitted by no later than June 1, 2027. Reimbursement paperwork must include:
 - Receipts for any eligible purchases requested in the reimbursement
 - Proof of passing ISA Certified Arborist exam
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If you have any questions, please reach out to msa@msa-live.org.

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