



# Michigan Green Industry Association

## 2021 JAMES A. BROWN JR. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) has established a scholarship fund in the memory of James A. Brown Jr. The scholarship(s) given will support college students entering into/attending horticulture-related academia.

James was the General Manager of Versalift Midwest, a leading manufacturer of bucket trucks, digger derricks, cable placers and high reach aerial lifts. James was well-known in the industry for his involvement with, and support of, green industry professionals. He was a longtime member of the Association and held the position of Director on the MGIA Board of Directors.

His dedication to his family, friends and customers was limitless. His service, both professionally and personally, touched countless lives. The James A. Brown Jr. Scholarship Fund was created to honor his spirit of generosity and his dedication to the advancement of young people, both spiritually and professionally.

The James A. Brown Scholarship is offering (5) \$3,250 Scholarships for the 2021 Fall school year only.

Please complete and return the attached application with your resume, two letters of recommendation and any photos/information on work you have completed that pertains to the green industry. Please note that these materials become property of the Michigan Green Industry Association and may not be returned.

Your application must be postmarked by June 30, 2021 - **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The James A. Brown Scholarship Committee will notify all applicants in August 2021. If you qualify for a scholarship, proof of enrollment will be requested prior to receiving your award.

**PLEASE NOTE:** MGIA Staff, Board Members and Directors and their families are not eligible to apply.

Please return your application, resume, two letters of recommendation and other materials no later than June 30, 2021 to:

Michigan Green Industry Association  
ATTN: James A. Brown Scholarship Committee  
30600 Telegraph Rd., Suite 3360  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025



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The James A. Brown Scholarship was created to aid students who seek a career in horticulture. The MGIA considers student scholarships an important commitment that we can make to the future of our industry.

### Criteria for Eligibility

1. Applicant must be enrolled at any Michigan University or Community College, in a two or four year program relating to horticulture, landscape, turf maintenance, arboriculture, forestry and/or golf.
2. Applicant must have a 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.
3. Student must be pursuing a career in horticulture (landscape, lawn maintenance, arboriculture) as evidenced by related work experience.
4. Applicant should show evidence of leadership as exhibited by extra curricular activities.
5. A desire to pursue professional opportunities with a landscape management company, tree care company or agency is necessary.
6. Applicant must plan to be employed in Michigan after graduation for at least two years. Preference will also be given to students with financial need.
7. Applicant must be carrying at least 6 credit hours at the time the scholarship is awarded.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND TYPE OF PROGRAM YOU ARE PRESENTLY ENROLLED IN \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF PROGRAM YOU WILL BE ENROLLED IN THIS FALL \_\_\_\_\_

BACHELORS DEGREE:    Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior

ASSOCIATES DEGREE:    Freshman    Sophomore  
    FULL TIME    PART-TIME (Minimum of 6 credits)

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM    FULL TIME    PART-TIME

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN YOUR AREA OF STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE HOW YOUR COLLEGE EXPENSES HAVE BEEN/OR WILL BE FINANCED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Activities

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE WORK \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

OFFICES HELD \_\_\_\_\_

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Activities *continued*

OTHER ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Job Experience/Internship

1. COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
DUTIES \_\_\_\_\_
2. COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
DUTIES \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT WILL YOU SEEK FOLLOWING GRADUATION? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Why do you think you should be considered for the James A. Brown Scholarship? Please submit a separate 400 word essay.  
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• NOTE •

PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM INSTRUCTORS, EMPLOYERS, ETC.  
RETURN APPLICATION, COVER LETTER, RESUME AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION  
NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2021.

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### Scholarship Agreement

This agreement is entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ between the Michigan Green Industry Association and\_\_\_\_\_.

The MGIA has established the James A. Brown Scholarship Award to benefit worthy and capable students enrolled in a Michigan University or Community College who are interested in a green industry career.

This award is intended to encourage students in associate, baccalaureate and certificate programs and in the Institute of Agricultural Technology who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve these goals and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress in the horticulture, landscape, turf maintenance, arboriculture, forestry and/or golf industry. The purpose of this agreement is to describe the terms and conditions under which the James A. Brown Scholarship shall be administered.

### The Agreement is as Follows

1. The funds are to be administered by MGIA under the title James A. Brown Scholarship.
2. The recipient shall be selected by the MGIA James A. Brown Scholarship Committee.
3. The James A. Brown Scholarship Award will be awarded in August 2021. The money will be mailed directly to the school and be placed in the student’s account to be used toward credit hours or books.
4. If there is no eligible applicant for the scholarship as described in the Criteria for Eligibility, the amount that was to be awarded would be held for an award at a later date. Should a recipient become ineligible for any reason, the amount may be awarded to an alternate applicant who meets the criteria, or held for a later date.

In Witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and date stated, agreeing on the general rules and regulations of the James A. Brown Scholarship.

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Executive Director  
Michigan Green Industry Association