

COLLEGE STUDENT RESOURCES

Please visit the Landscape Illinois website for the virtual version with clickable hyperlinks!



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Who We Are ✨

Landscape Illinois is the leading organization for professionals in the landscape contracting industry.

Apply for an Landscape Illinois Student Membership! ✨

- Education sessions outside of the classroom with industry professionals.
- Reduced rates for programs and events.
- In person events, virtual events, and hybrid events.
- Begin building connections by networking with established & emerging industry professionals, other students, and past alumni.
- Student-friendly & laid-back, events alternate locations and are crafted for a unique learning experience.
- Eligibility for the Women's Networking Group (WGN) Mentorship Program.

Questions? Email anagy@landscapeillinois.org

VISIT THE BRAND NEW STUDENT RESOURCES WEBSITE HUB!

SCAN HERE



Landscape Illinois has modified the student webpage to allow quicker and easier access for all things students. Check out our new look!

You can now fill out an *Educational Materials & Classroom Supply Request* form on our website. ✨

This packet is not all; there are many **free student resources** available online now! Including links to resources from outside organizations ✨



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Illinois Landscape Contractors
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✨ landscapeillinois.org/scholarship-program/

A horticultural-related program includes, but is not limited to:

Horticulture, environmental science, landscape architecture, botany, agronomy, nursery production, ecology, agriculture, urban horticulture, floral design, and more.

Seven College Scholarships:

- One \$10,000 Scholarship
- Two \$5,000 Scholarships
- Four \$2,500 Scholarships

Applications due to Landscape Illinois in February.

See website for exact due date.

Dates to Remember

- Recipients Notified – 45-60 Days Following Deadline
- Scholarship Payment Disbursement Deadline – November
- Scholarship Recipients Recognition – Awards Banquet – January/February



Please note: All applicants must be Illinois residents.

Top 5 recommended first time green industry events for college students:

1. iLandscape Annual Tradeshow – Mid Winter
2. Fire & Ice Landscape and Snow Expo – Summer
3. Young Professionals Events – February & October
4. InVigorateU – Mid Winter
5. Turf Education Day – Late Summer



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PROGRAMS OF STUDY EXAMPLES

Certificates - Community College

- Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Cultivation and Operations
- Floral Shop Management
- Greenhouse Management
- Horticulture
- Horticulture Therapy
- Landscape Design and Construction
- Landscape and Turf Maintenance
- Nursery and Garden Center Management
- Power Equipment and Technology
- Sustainable Landscapes
- Sustainable Urban Agriculture
- Urban Farming

Associates Degrees - 2+ year

- Horticulture, A.A.S
- Landscape Contracting and Management, A.A.S

Undergraduate Degrees - 4 Year

- Horticulture, B.S.
- Landscape Architecture, B.L.A.
- Sustainable Horticulture, B.S.

Graduate Degrees

- Plant/ Horticultural Biology M.Sc.
- Horticulture M.Sc.
- Plant Breeding, Genetics & Biotechnology M.Sc.

Flexible Options: In Person, Online, Hybrid

IL COMMUNITY COLLEGES 2+ YEAR PROGRAMS

- COLLEGE OF DUPAGE
- JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
- KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

See website for full list 

IN-STATE UNIVERSITIES 4+ YEAR PROGRAMS

- ILLINOIS STATE
- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-
- WESTERN ILLINOIS

OTHER PROGRAMS

- 3+1 Bachelor's Degree Programs
 - In-State & Out of State Options
 - Ex: COD & Colorado State University
 - (fully virtual or in-person)
- Certificate Programs
 - Offered by many community colleges
- NALP accredited courses
- Entrepreneurship Programs



INDUSTRY EVENTS HOSTED BY LANDSCAPE ILLINOIS COMMITTEES



[Click to Join Socials](#)



Women's Networking Group (WN)

From monthly "coffee talks", to events and discussion panels, WNG is known to host in-person and virtual events. Recently introduced their mentorship program with much success.

[Click to Join](#)
All genders welcome [Sustainable LS FB Group](#)



Young Professionals (YP)

[Click to Join](#)
[YP FB Group](#)



With large turnouts drawn by round table discussions, food, drinks, and a good time, YP events combine casual & professional. Attend one of their biannual Oct/Feb events to see what the fuss is all about! *For ages 35 and under*



Various Summits are hosted by the Sustainable and Ecological Landscape, WN, and Design Committees.

Landscape Illinois has over **20 active committees**. Each committee has a mission statement defining their core purpose and goals. Some committees plan events, while some may work on expanding membership and industry resources.



RESOURCES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

There are many other groups out there just like Landscape Illinois that offer educational resources, trial programs, scholarships, competitions, host green industry events, and more! Click or scan the QR code for more information on other organizations and how they can benefit you!

4 tips to be a successful young professional: COLLEGE STUDENTS



Networking - Get Involved

- Attend events and activities at your college like Horticulture club meetings, volunteer days, etc. Your classmates will one day soon be your peers in the industry, so make a point to create those bonds.
- Participate in competitions with your horticulture club & win awards, individually & as a team.
- Attend as many industry events as you can. The best way to establish your reputation is by staying active in the industry and developing strong connections.

Internships

Even if your program does not require an internship, it is highly recommended. Most internships allow you to have trial periods in different positions at a company. You will gain great experience from production, to sales, to etc. It's a great chance to see what position you are most and least suitable for to help solidify your future career goals.

Portfolio & Resume

Having a virtual or hardcopy portfolio is a great way to show employers exactly what you're capable of. Having a standout resume will give you the upper hand against other entry level job applicants. Resume writing resources should be available for free at your college.

Be Passionate

Focus on course selections that will give the most relevant knowledge to your desired path, not courses that are "easy". Expand education beyond the classroom into the field: visit arboretums & nurseries, or drive through nicely landscaped neighborhoods. The best way to stand out in the green industry is to share your passion.

Check Out Other Articles for Students Here >

LEARN MORE AT
WWW.LANDSCAPEILLINOIS.NET



STUDENT LANDSCAPE DESIGN COMPETITION

College Division: Prize: 1st Place \$100.00

Categories: Hand-drawn, CAD (computer aided drafting) and 3D Landscape design.

Registration:

Participating schools must register by contacting chairperson Brian Clement, clement@cod.edu phone (630) 942-2526. Registration typically due end of October. Size of paper: 24"x36", Scale: 1"=8'. No registration fee to participate in the contest

Qualifications:

Each school is allowed to submit 3 student design applications per each category, nominee's are selected by their school's program instructors. Your school may have additional qualifications. Please see provided rule packet for more info. Individual's designs only. Submissions typically due mid December.

Contact your school's department head for more information & sign up.



Winners are presented at the winter iLandscape show in a special student awards presentation.

See the iLandscape website for the full Friday "Student Day" schedule and awards stage location.

Trial Programs Available to Students:

Bloom 6 month trial: Through Landscape Illinois, Bloom is our new comprehensive video library dedicated to providing education and training for professionals in the landscape industry.

3D Rendering Programs: [U-vision- free trial](#), [Sketchup-free trial](#) & [classes](#), [Vector Works free trial](#)

3D Model Resources: [3D Model Warehouse](#), [Dynascape Sketch 3D Warehouse](#) (need request a school educator login).



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Free Videos

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OUTSIDERS WELCOME

LANDSCAPE ILLINOIS CAREER CAMPAIGN

The green industry is open to those on all walks of life. No matter what your education background is, or lack thereof... ALL OUTSIDERS ARE WELCOME!

Account Manager

Arborist

Business Development

Client Relations

Horticulturist

Irrigation Specialist

Landscape Designer

Lawn Technician

Production Foreman

Production Manager

Project Coordinator

Sales Estimator

Retail Garden Center

Urban Agriculture



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+ Many Others!

CAREER VIDEOS

Landscape Illinois recently identified the top careers of the green industry & highlighted them in career video shorts, showcasing our diverse members and job opportunities within the green industry.

SALARY INFORMATION

Landscape Illinois sent out surveys to all of our members to anonymously gather up to date salary information. The results were compiled into a pdf to help you in your career making decisions. 19 careers are listed.

[VIEW SALARY INFO HERE](#)

JOB POSTINGS

You will find the classified careers job board postings on our website (updated monthly). We host and participate in virtual and in person career fairs throughout the year as well. The iLandscape career fair will be virtual. [landscapeillinois/professional/classified](#)

FILL OUT A LANDSCAPE CAREER INTEREST FORM

1.) Visit www.landscapeillinois.org/landscape-careers



2.) Scroll to the very bottom of the webpage
3.) Please fill out the career interest form and a landscape professional will reach out to answer those questions.

Interested in learning more about the landscaping industry? **Submit an inquiry** and we can offer education & internship guidance.



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