

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RESOURCES

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



LANDSCAPE ILLINOIS

Who We Are ✨

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

Apply for a 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.

Visit www.landscapeillinois.com/#join to apply. Questions? Email anagy@landscapeillinois.org



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

ILCECO

Illinois Landscape Contractors
Education & Charitable Organization

Five \$1,000 Scholarships Available!

*Applications due to Landscape Illinois in February.
See website for exact due date.*

VISIT OUR STUDENT RESOURCES WEBSITE HUB! ✨



Landscape Illinois has modified our webpage to allow quicker and easier access for all things students. This packet is not all; there are many **free student resources** available online now!

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.



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Important Scholarship 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.

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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 Programs

- Biology Transfer Pathways
 - Biology/Botany
 - Wildlife Biology and Ecology
- Environmental Science, A.A.S
- Horticulture, A.A.S
- Landscape Contracting and Management, A.A.S
- Sustainable Urban Agriculture, A.A.S

Undergraduate Degrees - 4 Year

- Earth, Society, & Environmental Sustainability, B.S.L.A.S.
 - Science of the Earth System (S.E.S.) Concentration
 - Society and the Environment (S.A.E.) Concentration
- Environmental Studies, BCIS, B.S. & B.A.
- Geology: Earth & Environmental Sciences, B.S.L.A.S.
- Horticulture, B.S.
- Landscape Architecture, B.L.A.
- Plant Biology, B.S.
- Sustainable Horticulture, B.S.

Graduate Degrees

- Agronomy & Crop Sciences, M.Sc.
- Botany and Plant Pathology, M.A., M.Sc., PhD
- Horticulture, M.Sc.
- Horticulture & Natural Resources, M.Sc.
- Plant/Horticultural Biology, M.Sc.
- Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology - Forestry, M.Sc.
- Soil and Crop Sciences, M.Sc.
- Turfgrass Management, M.P.S.

Flexible Options: In Person, Online, Hybrid

IL COMMUNITY COLLEGES - 2+ YEAR PROGRAMS

- BLACK HAWK COLLEGE
- COLLEGE OF DUPAGE
- COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY
- DANVILLE AREA COLLEGE
- HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE
- ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE
- JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
- KANKAKEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- KASKASKIA COLLEGE
- KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE
- LAKE LAND COLLEGE
- LINCOLN LAND COLLEGE
- MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE
- PARKLAND COLLEGE
- RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
- TRITON COLLEGE



IN-STATE UNIVERSITIES 4+ YEAR PROGRAMS

- ILLINOIS STATE (NORMAL, IL)
- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (CARBONDALE, IL)
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS (URBANA, IL)
- WESTERN ILLINOIS (MACOMB, IL)



RESOURCES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

There are many other groups out there just like the 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!

5 tips to be a successful young professional: *HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS*

Join a Club

Clubs such as FFA, Horticulture Club, Floral Club, Construction Club, Art Club, Spanish Club, etc. After school groups look great on a resume!

Enter a Competition

FFA has career development events (CDEs) at local high schools & statewide. Events include floral design, plant identification, and more! Landscape Illinois hosts an annual landscape design competition open to high school students.

Part Time Green Industry Jobs

Many local plant nurseries offer part time seasonal greenhouse and cashier job positions. Park districts and golf courses offer entry level maintenance positions. Find part-time florist positions at floral shops and grocery stores like Jewel-Osco. This is a great way to kickstart your green industry job experience early on.

Volunteer Work

This could be planting trees with your local forest preserve for Earth Day, clearing invasive species from a natural area, or harvesting native plant seeds, or making floral arrangements for nursing homes.

Be Passionate

The best way to stand out in the green industry is to share your passion. Engage with professionals, ask questions, never be afraid to learn, and dive into opportunities.



**Check Out Other
Articles for
Students Here**



STUDENT LANDSCAPE DESIGN COMPETITION

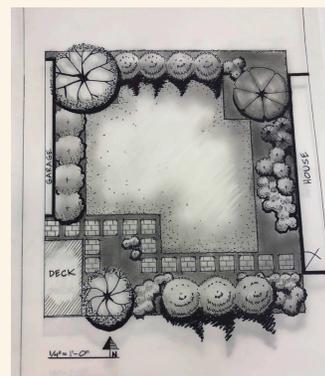
High School Division: Prize: 1st Place \$100.00
Categories: Hand-drawn and 3D Landscape design.

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.

Qualification:

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 designs only (no teams).



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



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

Top 5 recommended first time green industry events for high school students:

1. iLandscape Annual Tradeshow - Mid Winter
2. iLandscape Student Day (Friday) - Mid Winter
3. Fire & Ice Landscape and Snow Expo - Summer
4. InVigorateU - Mid Winter
5. FFA National Convention

Trial Programs Available to Students:

1. 3D Rendering Programs: [U-vision- free trial](#), [Sketchup-free trial & classes](#), [Vector Works free trial](#)
2. 3D Model Resources: [3D Model Warehouse](#), [Dynascape Sketch 3D Warehouse](#).
3. [Bloom 6 Month Trial](#) *Clickable links*

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

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](#)



CLICK
+ 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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