

## **ISA UT-Chapter/Utah Community Forest Council Thomas Erkelens Scholarship**

The International Society of Arboriculture-Utah Chapter/Utah Community Forest Council (UCFC) is a non-profit organization that advocates for proper management and care of Utah's community forests through partnerships, and public and professional education.

The Thomas Erkelens Scholarship Fund is for those enrolled or are enrolling in the ISA UT-Chapter/UCFC Arborist Apprenticeship Program. This scholarship is intended to help with tuition of the two year program with six semesters. The scholarship recipient is responsible to pay for half of each semester and the Scholarship Fund will fund the other half. The recipient must complete all four classes in each semester to receive the fund. If a class is missed, the scholarship will be reduced by the cost of the class for that semester.

The value of scholarships awarded is determined by the amount the UCFC has in the Thomas Erkelens Scholarship Fund.

Through donations, we are able to offer a Thomas Erkelens Scholarship to those who need financial assistance to attend the Arborist Apprenticeship Program. Scholarships are reviewed by the UCFC Membership Committee.

If you or someone you know would like to make a contribution to the Thomas Erkelens Scholarship Fund, you may send it directly UCFC. Please be sure to mark the donation "Thomas Erkelens Scholarship".

### **• Make Your Scholarship Application Count**

- Be sure to complete the application in its entirety. Applications missing information, including requested letters, will be returned to be completed and approval will be delayed.
- In a form of a letter or video from applicant of why applicant wants to participate in the Arborist Apprenticeship program, explain background in tree industry, and what applicant intends to do in the field of arboriculture.
- At least two letters from employer, friend, mentor of why applicant would be a candidate to receive a scholarship and things applicant has done to deserve to be selected.
- Limited funds are available. Scholarships can be awarded in various amounts.
- You will be notified via email whether an award was made for the applicant.
- It is required that scholarship recipients assist through 20 combined service hours working on a UCFC Committee, helping at the UCFC Tree Climb, or help at a UCFC Workshop.
- This scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap status.

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All information provided will be held strictly confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.  
False information will result in disqualification from consideration for a scholarship.

Please submit COMPLETED scholarship application along with:

1. Letter or video from applicant.
2. At least two letters from employer, friend, mentor, etc. stating why applicant should be chosen to receive a scholarship and things applicant has done to deserve selection.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Last Name: _____		First Name: _____	
Mailing address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____		Email Address _____	
Employer: _____			

NOTE: Scholarships are not available for everyone. Completion of an application is not a guarantee of receiving a scholarship.

I certify and affirm the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read the scholarship description and understand there is no guarantee of a scholarship. I understand that the award amount is subject to funds availability.	
Applicant Signature: _____	
Print Name: _____	
Date: _____	