

Wheat's Landscape 2009 Student Volunteer Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of Wheat's Landscape 2009 Student Volunteer Scholarship is to encourage and reward high school students who actively volunteer in community service.

Award

The Wheat's Landscape Student Volunteer Scholarship awards one student a grand total of \$2,000 for their service involvement. The scholarship is offered once every year.

Basis of Selection

In determining the scholarship recipient, the company's President Mike Wheat shall consider the following criteria:

- ✗ Active participation in community service groups and/or projects
- ✗ Ongoing (*long term*) involvement in community service groups and/or projects
- ✗ Community recognition and/or rewards received based on service
- ✗ Community leadership roles taken on by individuals
- ✗ Active participation in student and/or community committees relating to service
- ✗ Individual service projects initiated by individuals
- ✗ At least two letters of recommendation from faculty members, community leaders, mentors and/or parents

** These criteria are given equal consideration.*

Eligibility

Applicants must be senior high school students attending a high school in McLean, Great Falls, Vienna, Oakton, North Arlington or City of Falls Church.

Applications

Application forms can be obtained online at <http://www.wheats.com> or from Wheat's main office, located at: 8620 Park Street, Vienna, VA 22180. If you would like an application form faxed to you, please call 703.641.4790.

Announcement of Scholarships

The recipient of Wheat's Landscape 2009 Student Volunteer Scholarship will be announced in June 2009. Notification will be sent to all other applicants shortly thereafter.



Filling out the Application Form

This application form must be completely filled out in ink or typed. The letters of recommendation should be submitted in the same envelope as the application. The applicant mails this information to Wheat's. Please make sure to include proof of your status as a senior in a high school located in Wheat's Landscape service area which includes: McLean, Great Falls, Vienna, Oakton, North Arlington, and City of Falls Church. A photocopy of a student ID card, report card, or class schedule is valid proof of senior status.

Letters of Recommendations

Letters from at least two professional references are required. Faculty members, community leaders, mentors, and parents may submit letters of recommendation. These professionals should know the nominee and his or her qualifications. A copy of Wheat's Landscape Student Volunteer Scholarship flier should be given to the reference writing the letter to inform him or her of the basis of selection. References should comment on the nominee in light of the above-mentioned criteria. All references should include their name, title, and contact information in the letter (telephone number and/or email address).

These recommendations are to be attached to the scholarship application and submitted with the form.

Application Deadline

The application and all supporting information must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2009. Please send to:

Wheat's Landscape Student Volunteer Scholarship
Attn: Mike Wheat
PO Box 6152
McLean, VA 22106

Checklist

- Completed application form (in ink or typed)
- Letters of Recommendation (minimum of two)
- Postmark date on or before the May 15, 2009 deadline



Wheat's 2009 Student Volunteer Scholarship Application (Continued)

1. Summarize your role in the community as a volunteer. [Write a clear statement concerning your volunteer work with your community indicating activities you participated in, activities you organized, leadership roles you held, etc. Confirmation of these activities are expected in the letters of reference.]

2. List public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservations, advocacy activities, religious activities, school projects, etc.)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u># of Weeks Active</u>
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About Wheat's Landscape

Wheat's Landscape is the largest, full service residential lawn and landscape company in Northern Virginia. Our primary service areas in Virginia include: McLean, Great Falls, North Arlington, Oakton, Vienna and City of Falls Church.

Wheat's was established by Mike Wheat in McLean, Virginia in 1978. The business has evolved from a family lawn care service to a full service design, build, and maintenance landscape company serving several thousand high-end residences. Having grown up in the area that now supports their business, Wheat's is committed to improving and giving back to the community through a number of different volunteer projects.

Several years ago, Wheat's developed its *Care to Share Program*. Through this program, Wheat's reaches out to individuals in the community who are physically or financially unable to maintain their landscapes. Wheat's works with community members who have fallen ill or who have been called overseas during wartime by donating time and basic materials to put their landscape back in shape. Additionally, Wheat's actively volunteers work with local volunteer fire departments, youth sports, schools and government to support a wide range of community efforts. In October 2005, Wheat's received national recognition at the Professional Landcare Network's (PLANET) Green Industry Conference in Orlando, Florida with a Community Service Award for its *Care to Share Program*.

Wheat's Landscape is continuously recognized by both industry and community professionals alike. Industry awards include: the *Top 100 Green Industry Companies* (in the USA) rated by Landscape Management (2005) and the Landscape Contractors Association's *Excellence in Landscape* award (2004) and *Distinction* award (2005).

Community awards include: *McLean Business of the Year* and the *Community Builder Award* from the Free Masons of Virginia (2000). Additionally, Wheat's was granted the *Champion of Character* and the *Fairfax County Volunteer Service* awards (both presented by Fairfax County Government).

Through quality customer service and giving back to the community, Wheat's has established itself as a benchmark in the industry; providing highly personalized service beyond that of your average landscape company. Wheat's continuously reaches its goal to raise the bar within the Green Industry by providing outstanding quality, personalized service and sincere professionalism to all of the company's stakeholders.

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