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Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship Application

**Please note: This application is available for viewing year-round,
but may only be submitted January 1 - April 1.**

If you have any questions, please email dhettinger@treefund.org or call 630-369-8300 x204.

Applicant

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Education

University/technical school	Kansas State University
Major(s)	Horticulture
Minor(s)	
Year to date credits earned	78
Cumulative GPA	3.72
Will you be enrolled in the upcoming semester?	Yes
Graduation date	05/22/2016

Scholarships and Awards

List any scholarships and awards, and the year received.

Scholarship 1	Kansas Arborist Association Scholarship, Spring 2015
Scholarship 2	Kansas Nursery and Landscape Association Scholarship, Spring 2015
Scholarship 3	Kansas Associated Garden Clubs Scholarship, Fall 2015

Have you applied for a TREE Fund scholarship before?	No
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Have you received a TREE Fund scholarship before?	No
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If yes, please list the year and amount of your award.

Extracurricular Activities

Internships

Describe any internships that you have held and note a contact person for each.

Internship 1	<p>Hummel Tree Service, Inc.</p> <p>In the summer of 2014 I worked for Hummel Tree Service. During my time there I was introduced to a variety of aspects relating to the tree care industry such as tree removals, pruning, safety, and cabling. You may contact Travis Hummel, the owner, for further details. (785) 565 3995</p>
Internship 2	<p>Upcoming Internship with Ryan Lawn and Tree in Kansas City. Summer 2015</p>

Extracurricular Activities

Describe any offices held in professional, community and academic organizations.

Extracurricular 1	<p>Helping International Students</p> <p>Member of the Executive Board and a HIS friend. I am part of a board that makes executive decisions for the a non-profit organization aimed at helping, serving, and befriending the international students at Kansas State University. I also have a HIS friend that was voluntarily assigned to me through this program.</p>
Extracurricular 2	<p>Kansas State PLANET landscape contracting team & Horticulture Club</p> <p>I was the tree climber for the PLANET student career days arboriculture competition in 2014 and 2015.</p>
Extracurricular 3	<p>Student Mobilization at Kansas State University</p> <p>Part of the STUMO student leader team where I attended monthly leadership training meetings and volunteered my time with the setup crew for our weekly Thursday night meetings.</p>

Essay

Please describe your reasons for pursuing your chosen career, your goals and objectives, and why you should be chosen for this scholarship.

Ever since a young age, I have had a passion for working in the outdoors. Growing up, my grandfather and my father and I worked together to operate a small lawn and tree business for a handful of customers. I have many positive memories working with my family and I am thankful for the opportunity it presented for learning the importance of having a hard work ethic. I also learned about myself — I learned that working with my hands to beautify the environment is something that I am passionate about. This family business has continued into my college years, and I still love to work for my clients in my free time. I enjoy having the opportunity to practice being “the boss” who deals with company issues and customer service. Having this knowledge and experience encouraged me to pursue a degree in horticulture at Kansas State University.

I am currently a junior in horticulture at Kansas State and I am blessed to be a part of their program. Upon taking my first class in horticulture, I quickly realized that this program was going to be a great fit for me. Not only did my schooling experience become more enjoyable as I learned about the things I was passionate about, but also the faculty and students were genuine and relatable. We all

shared a passion for our industry, and I became even more excited about learning and working in the horticulture industry. During the spring semester of my sophomore year, I took an arboriculture class in which I realized that trees are my passion. I learned about the details of the physiology of trees and about the benefits trees offer to humans and the environment. When we learned about tree climbing, I found it very natural for me to understand the concepts of moving throughout the tree. Taking the arboriculture class opened up my mind and presented new opportunities for me and helped me decide that arboriculture is the direction I want to go with my career.

After having experienced the arboriculture class, I decided to apply for a job with a local arborist. Having operated a small business of my own, working for another company has given me a perspective on the industry from an employee standpoint. I have learned the essentials of working in the tree industry; things like pruning, tree removal, cabling, climbing, and equipment safety techniques. During my time with Hummel Tree Service, I have learned a lot about the tree industry, and it has been affirmed that trees are really what I am passionate about and therefore, my long terms goals are to work in the tree care industry. Through it all, I have learned that this is what I want to do with my professional career.

Just as college has helped me to explore my passion for trees, it has also been a way for me to realize how much I love helping and serving people. My goals for wanting to work in the tree industry reflect my passions. Upon graduation I hope to become established in a residential tree company that allows me to use my skills as an arborist as well as to provide me the opportunity to work with customers and help meet their needs. I hope to use my first few years in the industry to gain experience and learn as much as possible about this industry. During this time I also plan to get married and explore possibilities of using my skills in the mission field.

I believe I am a good candidate for this scholarship because I have a lot to offer to this industry. I not only am amazed by trees and the role they play in our world but I also desire to offer my talents to improving the arboriculture field. As a member of the KSU Horticulture Club, I have had amazing opportunity to learn from the best within the arboriculture field. Not only is Kansas State's curriculum impressive, but I have been coached by current industry leaders such as Rip Tompkins and leaders of Davey Tree during the annual PLANET student career days. This past March at North Carolina State University my partner and I placed 8th out of over 40 participants in the Arboriculture Techniques competition, in the rain! Last year at Colorado State I competed in the snow and placed 12th.

This scholarship would also be very important in helping me accomplish my financial goals. As a student motivated by using my knowledge to serve a greater purpose, I aim to maximize my time in college. I see where I am at now as a time for personal character growth and responsibility. One way that I have been able to practice

responsibility is by taking initiative in paying for my school costs. I can proudly say that I have been able to pay a majority of my way through school by my own efforts, which has allowed me to remain debt-free thus far. I see this as a priority for someone of my age as it offers a large degree of financial freedom upon graduation. With the help of this scholarship, I can meet my goal of remaining debt free upon graduation and I will be able to accomplish my goals.

From my first experience working outdoors with my dad to learning about horticulture and the tree care industry at Kansas State, I have learned so much about myself and my desire to work in the arboriculture industry has grown. I have had incredible opportunities to network and gain experience that have helped shape my future goals and aspirations for how I can use my degree to its fullest potential. I am so thankful for donors and scholarship funds like this one that invest in the future leaders of the industry. This scholarship would be a huge blessing for me and would be very influential in my life by allowing me to accomplish my goals. Thank you for your consideration.

File Uploads

Please upload the following documents:

Current transcript

Proof of ISA student membership

Letters of Recommendation

You must submit three letters of recommendation with your application, one of which must be from your academic advisor. If you have already received letters of recommendation, you may upload them below. If you would like to request letters from your recommenders, you may return to the main menu and select to add recommendation requests. This will allow you to send requests to your contacts to upload letters of recommendation.

All letters of recommendation are due April 1.

1st letter of recommendation

2nd letter of recommendation

Advisor letter of recommendation

How did you hear about this scholarship?

University/organization financial aid department

Applications will be scored on the following scale:

- GPA (0-20)
- Essay (0-30)
- 1st letter of recommendation (0-10)
- 2nd letter of recommendation (0-10)
- Advisor letter of recommendation (0-20)
- Potential for continuing in arboriculture or urban forestry (0-10)

**Your application will not be available for editing after it has been submitted.
Please review your application for completion before submission.**

