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### Your donations are making a difference!

Utilities perform vegetation maintenance to reduce tree-initiated risk to overhead power systems. With funding from the TREE Fund's Utility Arborist Research Fund, John Goodfellow (BioCompliance Consulting, Inc.) successfully developed and validated a model that will allow utilities to make informed decisions on the tradeoffs between maintenance expenses and risk, while taking the cost consequences of outages to end-use customers into account. Read more about this ground-breaking work on [our website](#).

Thank you to our December 2015 [major contributors](#):  
(for contributions of \$2,500 or more to the TREE Fund this month)

- Anonymous
- Canadian TREE Fund
- Janet Collier
- Michael Simonson

*Thank You!*

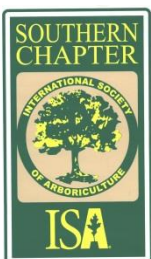
**Apply online today** for grants and scholarships at [treefund.org](#). **NEW** - the Hyland Johns Research Grant now has a maximum award value of \$50,000.

Letters of intent are **due March 1** for:

- [TREE Fund Arboriculture Education Grants](#) (up to \$5,000)
- [Ohio Chapter ISA Arboriculture Education Grants](#) (up to \$5,000)

Applications are **due April 1** for:

- [Robert Felix Memorial Scholarships](#) (\$3,000)
- [Hyland R. Johns Research Grants](#) (**NEW** - up to \$50,000!)



We are pleased to welcome [Southern Chapter ISA](#) as our newest **TREE Fund Diamond Partner** for 2016. We're excited to work with the Chapter's dedicated and passionate members to put on an outstanding STIHL Tour des Trees in 2016!



**Registration for the 2016 STIHL Tour des Trees opens January 12.** Explore the Piedmont region of [the Carolinas](#) October 9-15, 2016, with other recreational cyclists who share your passion for trees. It's the ride of a lifetime, every year! Find out more and register at [stihltourdestrees.org](http://stihltourdestrees.org).

**Save the dates!** We hope to connect with you at these TREE Fund events in 2016:

- [Arbor Fair](#), April 2-3 in San Antonio, TX
- [ISA Conference and Trade Show](#), August 13-17 in Fort Worth, TX
  - Asplundh Golf Outing to benefit the TREE Fund, August 14
  - TREE Fund After Hours, August 15
- [2016 STIHL Tour des Trees](#), October 9-15 from Charlotte, NC
- [TCI EXPO 2016](#), November 10-12 in Baltimore, MD



**Meet the 2016 TREE Fund leadership team.** Read more about these industry leaders and dynamic volunteers on [our website](#).

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