



YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE



Once-in-a-lifetime prizes to be won
with the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards 2024

**STUDENT
GREENKEEPER
OF THE YEAR
AWARDS
2024**



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FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR CLUB

TORO STUDENT GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2024

The Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards offer students of all ages, backgrounds and experience a chance to excel. As long as you're studying, you have the chance to further your career and network with industry leaders.

Entering is easy and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities await the winning greenkeepers.

STUDENT AWARD PRIZE

Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year winner

will receive: enrolment in an internationally recognised 10-week turf management remote study course at the University of Massachusetts' Winter Turf School. A one-week work experience placement at a UK or overseas golf course. An all-expenses paid trip to the USA to visit Toro HQ, R&D and manufacturing.

Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year runner-up

will receive: a trip to Continue to Learn at BTME, including four days of education, five nights' accommodation, travel and £125 expenses. A Toro training course voucher.

YOUNG STUDENT AWARD PRIZE

Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the

Year Award winner will receive: an all-expenses paid trip to the USA to visit Toro HQ, R&D and manufacturing. A one-week work experience placement at a UK or overseas golf course. A trip to Continue to Learn at BTME, including four days of education, five nights' accommodation, travel and £125 expenses. A Toro training course voucher.

Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year

runner-up will receive: a trip to Continue to Learn at BTME, including two days of education, three nights' accommodation, travel and £75 expenses. A Toro training course voucher.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any greenkeeping student who is undertaking one of the listed qualifications below (at the time of application) and has been a greenkeeper for a minimum of 12 months:

Level 2

Golf Greenkeeper apprenticeship / SVQ Level 2

Level 3

Advanced Golf Greenkeeper apprenticeship / SVQ Level 3

Young Award students must be aged 21 years or under and studying for a Level 2 award at time of application.

Endorser of the Toro Student Greenkeeper

of the Year will receive: a trip to BTME with a two day conference pass and a night in a Harrogate hotel. An invitation to the BIGGA Celebration to recognise achievements of members throughout the year, followed by a valuable networking event with Reesink Turfcare and Toro. A profile in Greenkeeper International.

Endorser of the Toro Young Student

Greenkeeper of the Year will receive: a trip to BTME with a two day conference pass and a night in a Harrogate hotel. An invitation to the BIGGA Celebration to recognise achievements of members throughout the year, followed by a valuable networking event with Reesink Turfcare and Toro. A profile in Greenkeeper International.

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry dates: 1 March - 12 April 2024

Interviews: 13 - 17 and 20 - 24 May 2024

National final: 2 - 4 September 2024

Students can put themselves forward for the Awards with college tutors, assessors or employers endorsing their application. Please note all applications must be submitted online at bigga.org.uk/education





the rewards that are part of the event and just the networking opportunities are brilliant in themselves, let alone winning!

Michael Russell

Greenkeeper,
Ormskirk Golf Club,
Student Award Winner 2023

WHY APPLY?

-  *Widely acknowledged as a highlight in the student greenkeeper's year*
-  *Expand experience by meeting and competing with the best of your peers and network with influential industry leaders*
-  *Increase skills and knowledge to enhance professional development*
-  *Build lasting relationships in the greenkeeping community*
-  *Once-in-a-lifetime prizes for both winners with endorser prizes too!*
-  *The opportunity for the main award winner to study with one of the world's most innovative universities*
-  *For both winners an all-expenses paid trip to America*
-  *For further information and full terms and conditions, or to complete the online application form, please visit bigga.org.uk/education and queries can be emailed to education@bigga.co.uk*

TORO STUDENT GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2023 WINNERS



Student Award finalists and judges

Back row from left: Andy Smith (BIGGA president), Sami Strutt (BIGGA chief operating officer), Jon Cole (Reesink Turfcare, divisional business manager). Middle row, from left: Edoardo Fauro, Shawn McBride, Tyler Holmes. Front row, from left: Ryan Fiander, Michael Russell and Craig Jordan.



Young Award finalists and judges

Back row from left: David Timms (Reesink UK, national accounts manager), Darren Anderson MG (Bromborough Golf Club, course manager), Steven Dudley-Brown (BIGGA membership services manager - central England). Middle row: Caleb Overhill, Sam Norman, Sam Trott. Front row: Jake Rose, Daniel Martin and Ben Murchie.

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Get more out of your greenkeeping career
Get nominated for a once-in-a-lifetime Toro scholarship

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**STUDENT
APPLICATION**



**ENDORSE
A STUDENT**



HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form at: bigga.org.uk/education

When applying, please provide the name of the individual who will endorse the application and email a passport-style photo of the nominee to education@bigga.co.uk

Applications can be endorsed by college tutors, college assessors, head greenkeepers/course managers or golf club managers.

Young Award students must be studying for a Level 2 qualification and be aged 21 years or under at the time of application.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024

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