

**TORO.**

**STUDENT  
GREENKEEPER  
OF THE YEAR  
AWARDS  
2025**

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# GAME CHANGING

**Once-in-a-lifetime prizes to be won  
with the Toro Student Greenkeeper  
of the Year Awards 2025**



# FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR CLUB

## TORO STUDENT GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2025

**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.

### 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.

### 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.

#### **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.



FINAL AT RUDDING PARK, HARROGATE

### 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.

#### **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.

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](https://bigga.org.uk/education)

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Entry dates:** 1 March - 11 April 2025

**Interviews:** 12 - 16 and 19 - 23 May 2025

**National final:** 9 - 11 September 2025



It was such a strong field that when the runner-up's name was read out I thought, 'I've got no chance, he's fantastic compared to me' and so I was in complete shock when my name was announced as the winner. I just couldn't believe it was me!

**Jack Vowell**

Deputy Head Greenkeeper, Farrington Park

**Student Award Winner 2024**



### 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](https://bigga.org.uk/education) and queries can be emailed to [education@bigga.co.uk](mailto:education@bigga.co.uk)

## TORO STUDENT GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2024 WINNERS



### Student Award finalists and judges

Back row from left: Scott Reeves (BIGGA, Head of Membership), Jon Cole (Reesink Turfcare, Divisional Business Manager) and Stephen Byrne (Superintendent, The Vidauban Golf Club). Front row, from left: Matt McCreadie, Jack Wellings, Jack Vowell, Jack Chapman and Patrick Brown.



### Young Award finalists and judges

Back row from left: Steve Dudley-Brown (BIGGA Membership Services Manager - Central England), David Timms (Reesink UK, National Account Manager), John Keenaghan (BIGGA President). Front row, from left: Cameron Redden, Alex Fox, Daniel Parker, William Moore and Morgan Bowen.







STUDENT  
APPLICATION



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A STUDENT

**Raise the game and your career.**  
Get nominated for a once-in-a-lifetime  
Toro scholarship.

### HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form at: [bigga.org.uk/education](https://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](mailto: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 11 APRIL 2025**

#### For more information contact:

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