

The Carolinas Golf Foundation

The Carolinas Golf Foundation was formed by the Carolinas Golf Association in 1977 to provide support for universities and technical schools involved in golf-oriented turfgrass research.

The Foundation is funded by the CGA and by contributions from **individuals** who want to invest in the future of golf. According to Internal Revenue Service regulations, the Foundation must generate at least 10 percent of its receipts from golfers who want to give back something to our game, limiting the extent of contributions to the Foundation by the Association.

Contributions to the foundation are tax deductible. In the last 25 years, the foundation has raised more than **\$591,000**, emphasizing how these grants can benefit golf in the Carolinas.

Scholarships

The foundation's scholarship program is to support students who are working to become **golf superintendents and turfgrass managers** in the Carolinas. In 2002, the Carolinas Golf Foundation underwrote grants to turfgrass majors at **Clemson University** and **North Carolina State University**. Individual grants varied in value up to \$2,000.

Charles E. Lynch Jr., CGA Counsel, noted, "This year's winners are the men and women who will direct tomorrow's turf programs. They will discover solutions for future turfgrass problems. We are pleased to participate in endowing this ongoing program." The Carolinas Golf Foundation first offered scholarship aid to turfgrass majors in 1977.

Turfgrass Research Projects

The Carolinas Golf Foundation also concentrates research grant aid at Clemson University and at North Carolina State University. Studies at Clemson focus on development of new grasses to be used in the grass transition zone, which covers the Carolinas.

The Foundation is sponsoring a two-year study being done by Dr. Bruce Martin at Clemson University. Dr. Martin is studying the effects of various soils on two different and new kinds of Bermudagrasses -- TifEagle and Miniverdi. His goal is to provide Carolinas courses with the best soil and fertilizer management practices for these grasses to combat the hot, arid summers and continued water quality issues.

Player Development

The Foundation supports many aspects of women's golf and junior golf throughout the Carolinas. Donations are made to the Women's Carolinas Golf Association, North Carolina Women's Golf Association, South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation, and many other worthy volunteer groups.

How You Can Help

All contributions to the Carolinas Golf Foundation are tax deductible and go directly to Carolinas turfgrass programs. The CGA absorbs administrative costs of the Foundation, so all your money goes directly to turfgrass scholarships and research. Donations should be made payable to the **Carolinas Golf Foundation** and mailed to: **Carolinas Golf Foundation, PO Box 319, West End, North Carolina 27376**. Your support is appreciated.