

A photograph of two young men standing in front of a stone wall and a dark green door. Both are wearing dark blue jackets with TORO logos. The man on the left is holding a trophy, and the man on the right is also holding a trophy. The trophies are made of clear glass and silver metal. The text 'THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT' is overlaid in large white letters. Below it is a plus sign and text about winning a Toro Scholarship. In the bottom right corner, there is a white box with the TORO logo and text about the Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards 2023. At the very bottom, there are logos for BIGGA, TORO, and REESINK Turfcare.

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THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT

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Win a once-in-a-lifetime Toro Scholarship
with the Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards 2023

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**STUDENT
GREENKEEPER
OF THE YEAR
AWARDS
2023**





FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR CLUB

TORO STUDENT GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2023

The Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards are committed to offering greenkeepers of all ages, backgrounds and experience levels a chance to excel.

Once-in-a-lifetime opportunities await the winning greenkeepers to further their career and network with influential industry leaders.

STUDENT AWARD PRIZE

Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year winner will receive: enrolment in an internationally recognised 10-week turf management remote study course, The Winter Turf School (University of Massachusetts). A two-week work placement at a prestigious European golf course. As well as an all-expenses paid trip to the GCSAA Conference & Show (USA) and a visit to Toro Corporate HQ, R&D Centre and Equipment Operations in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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 hotel accommodation, travel and £125 expenses, plus a Toro training course voucher.

YOUNG AWARD PRIZE

Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award winner will receive: a two-week all expenses paid work experience placement at the exclusive Vidauban Golf Club in the South of France, plus a trip to Continue to Learn at BTME and a Toro training voucher for a course of their choice.

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 hotel accommodation, travel and £75 expenses, plus a Toro training voucher for a course of their choice.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any greenkeeping student who is undertaking one of the listed qualifications below (at the time of application):

Level 2 Work-based Diploma – Greenkeeper / SVQ

Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping

Level 3 Work-based Diploma – Greenkeeper / SVQ

Level 2 Diploma / National Certificate (NC)

Level 3 Subsidiary / Extended Diploma
Young Award students must be aged 21 years or under at time of application.

STUDENT ENDORSER PRIZE

Endorser of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year will receive: a trip to the Golf Industry Show in the USA, including flights, hotel, education and show accreditation.

YOUNG STUDENT ENDORSER PRIZE

Endorser of the Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year will receive: a trip to Vidauban Golf Club at the end of their student's placement, including flights and hotel.

IMPORTANT DATES

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 31 March 2023

INTERVIEWS: 9 – 12 and 15 – 19 May 2023

NATIONAL FINAL: 4 – 6 September 2023

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**





An experience
above and
beyond anything
I could have
ever imagined.

James Gaskell

Deputy head greenkeeper,
Ripon City Golf Club,
Student Award Winner 2022

WHY APPLY?

- 🏆 *Acknowledged as the highlight of the student greenkeeper's year the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards provides the opportunity to expand their experience by meeting and competing with the best*
- 🏆 *They could win a 10-week scholarship turf management study course with The Winter Turf School (University of Massachusetts), a trip to the Golf Industry Show and a visit to Toro's factory in Minnesota*
- 🏆 *Both categories could win two-week work experience placements at a prestigious European golf course*
- 🏆 *All Awards finalists will be given BIGGA membership for one year (following on from the expiry date of their current memberships)*
- 🏆 *Increase their skills and knowledge to enhance their professional development*
- 🏆 *The opportunity to network with peers and build lasting relationships*
- 🏆 *For further information and full terms and conditions, or to complete the online application form, please visit bigga.org.uk/education*

TORO STUDENT GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022 WINNERS



Main award finalists and judges

Back row from left: Jon Cole (Reesink Turfcare, divisional business manager), Andy Smith (BIGGA vice-president), Sami Strutt (BIGGA chief operating officer). Front row, from left: Tom Bromfield, John Thornton, main award winner James Gaskell, runner-up Andrew Ritchie, Abi Laker and Andrew Bate.



Young award finalists and judges

Back row from left: James Hutchinson (BIGGA membership services manager), Gordon Moir (BIGGA president), David Timms (Reesink UK national accounts manager). Front row, from left: Alfie Brookes, James Stratford, award winner Peter Pattenden, runner-up Luke Charnley, Samuel Waite and Jake Beech.



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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 deb@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 aged 21 years or under at the time of application.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023

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