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

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits for the winning greenkeepers to further their career and network with influential industry leaders.

## **STUDENT AWARD**

**Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year winner will receive:** An eight-week all expenses paid Toro Scholarship, including a six-week residential turf management study course at the University of Massachusetts, a trip to the Golf Industry Show and a visit to the Toro factory.

**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.

**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 voucher for a course of their choice.

## **YOUNG AWARD**

**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.

**Endorser of the Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year will receive:** A trip to Vidauban Golf Club for the last two days of their student's placement, including flights and hotel.

**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 (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 also be aged 20 years or under at time of application.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Closing date for applications:** 18 May 2018

**Regional interviews:** 2-13 July 2018

**Final at BIGGA HQ:** 17-18 September 2018

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 [www.bigga.org.uk/education](http://www.bigga.org.uk/education)



Things have been awesome since winning. It's already started to completely change my way of thinking. I can't wait to get home and put into practice what I've learnt!

**Nicholas Machin** (2017 winner)  
Greenkeeper, Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club

#### WHY APPLY?

-  Acknowledged as the highlight of the student greenkeeper's year the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards provides you with the opportunity to expand your experience by meeting and competing with the best
-  You could win an eight-week scholarship to the USA in January/February 2019 (including a six-week residential turf management study course at the University of Massachusetts, a trip to the Golf Industry Show and a visit to the Toro factory)
-  You could win a trip to Continue to Learn at BTME (including 4 days of education, hotel, travel and up to £125 expenses)
-  You could win a two-week work experience placement at the world-exclusive Vidauban Golf Club in the south of France
-  All Awards finalists will be given BIGGA membership for one year (following on from the expiry date of their current memberships)
-  Increase your skills and knowledge to enhance your professional development
-  The opportunity to network with your peers and build lasting relationships
-  It's easy to apply. Complete the online application form and for further information and full terms and conditions please visit [www.bigga.org.uk/education](http://www.bigga.org.uk/education)

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#### The 2017 winners and national finalists

Front row: from left to right, Matthew Kitson, Craig Woodman (Young runner up), Angus Roberts (Young winner), Nicholas Machin (winner), Levi Pethick (runner up), Chloe Gallagher

Back row: from left to right, Michael Budd, Joseph Spadaccini, Callum Done, Matthew Bowles, Chris Clark, Graham Hastie



#### The 2017 judges with the Young student finalists

Front row: Young finalists from left to right, Joseph Spadaccini, Matthew Bowles, Craig Woodman, Angus Roberts, Chris Clark, Callum Done

Back row: judges from left to right, Chris Kennedy, vice president at BIGGA; Bruce Jamieson, golf course consultant, representing The Toro Company; Stuart Green, head of member learning at BIGGA; Chris Sealey, course manager at Chippenham Golf Club; Sami Strutt, head of member development at BIGGA; David Cole, managing director at Reesink Turfcare; Les Howkins MG, BIGGA chairman and course manager at The Richmond Golf Club; Sid Arrowsmith MG, BIGGA president and course manager at Frilford Heath Golf Club

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#### HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form at:  
[www.bigga.org.uk/education](http://www.bigga.org.uk/education)



When applying, please provide the name of the individual who will endorse your application and email a passport-style photo of yourself to [deb@bigga.co.uk](mailto:deb@bigga.co.uk)

Your application can be endorsed by your college tutor, college assessor, head greenkeeper / course manager or golf club manager.

**Closing date for entries: Friday 18th May 2018.**



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