

## Recent interns should apply for SAFE Gary Vanden Berg Internship Grant

**LAST YEAR**, the SAFE Foundation presented the inaugural SAFE Gary Vanden Berg Internship Grant, named in honor of the long-time Director of Grounds for the Milwaukee Brewers who passed away in October. The grant reflects Vanden Berg's commitment to creating an excellent learning experience for interns. He was recognized throughout MLB and the entire sports turf industry for his enduring legacy in creating opportunities for students.

This grant will be awarded this fall for an internship completed during the spring or summer of 2012. STMA Student Members in good standing who are currently enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours or were enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours in the semester just prior to the internship are eligible to submit for the \$1,000 grant. Thus, recent graduates who completed an internship after graduation are eligible. The winner will be introduced at the 2013 STMA Annual Conference in Daytona Beach in January.

The grant is intended to offset the costs a student may have incurred while interning including, but not limited to, transportation, lodging, and food, or as a subsidy to wages. In addition to receiving the \$1,000 grant, the winner will also receive a full conference registration and three nights lodging at the STMA National Conference and Exhibition.

The deadline to submit is October 15. To apply, go to [www.stma.org/awards-program](http://www.stma.org/awards-program).

Interested in helping support SAFE and continuing Gary's legacy? Please contact STMA Headquarters, 800-323-3875. ■

## Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant gets non-national members to Conference

**THIS GRANT** awards \$1,000 to a member of an STMA affiliated chapter in honor of Terry Mellor, deceased brother of long time professional groundskeeper David R. Mellor of the Boston Red Sox. Funded by TURFACE Athletics, the grant recognizes professional development through continuing education, a philosophy shared by the Mellor brothers and TURFACE. The grant will fund the winner's attendance at the STMA Conference in January.

To nominate an individual, a national STMA member must write a letter of recommendation. Self nominations are not accepted.

In addition to the \$1,000 award, STMA will provide a complimentary conference registration to the winner, and the winner will be recognized at the association's annual Awards Banquet held at the conference.

Go to [www.stma.org/awards-program](http://www.stma.org/awards-program) to download the guidelines and nomination form. The deadline is October 15. ■

## Students, start putting together SAFE Scholarship applications now!

**STUDENTS** in two-year and four-year collegiate turfgrass programs are strongly encouraged to apply for a scholarship, which is funded by The SAFE Foundation, STMA's charitable arm.

Applications are due October 15, 2012. In the past, SAFE has awarded more than \$12,000 in scholarships annually to students who are planning for a career in the sports turf industry; the Foundation plans to award again this amount for 2012. Previous undergraduate winners are not eligible to win again, unless they advance to a graduate program.

Go to [www.stma.org/scholarship-program-0](http://www.stma.org/scholarship-program-0) to download the SAFE Scholarship Criteria and Application. All materials must be submitted together, and STMA does not accept faxed applications.

The STMA Scholarship Committee independently scores the applications and the winners will be notified in mid-November. In addition to the financial award, each winner receives a complimentary registration to the STMA Annual Conference, which is January 15-19, 2013, in Daytona Beach, three night's hotel accommodations, and recognition at the STMA Awards Banquet. ■

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