

Cool Professional Organizations and Conferences

Do you like talking to people? (Maybe, maybe not...) Okay, but do you like talking about **your favorite plants**?

Professional networks and conferences are where folks in the green industry (and your professors) go to geek out over the wide, wonderful world of horticulture, and the cool thing is that all of these groups have steeply discounted membership rates for undergrads. In fact, many of these organizations even have **free** membership for undergrads. You don't have to be a member to apply for scholarships or attend conferences and workshops.

Below are just a handful of the professional associations for different specialties within the green industry. Visit these links to learn more!

- [American Phytopathological Society](https://www.apsnet.org/members/community/join/Pages/Student.aspx) ➞ [_ \(https://www.apsnet.org/members/community/join/Pages/Student.aspx\)](https://www.apsnet.org/members/community/join/Pages/Student.aspx)
- [American Public Gardens Association](https://www.publicgardens.org/membership/#ce691b3f7e941dad4) ➞ [_ \(https://www.publicgardens.org/membership/#ce691b3f7e941dad4\)](https://www.publicgardens.org/membership/#ce691b3f7e941dad4)
- [American Society of Agronomy](https://www.agronomy.org/undergrads) ➞ [_ \(https://www.agronomy.org/undergrads\)](https://www.agronomy.org/undergrads)
- [American Society for Horticultural Sciences](https://ashs.org/page/Becomeamember) ➞ [_ \(https://ashs.org/page/Becomeamember\)](https://ashs.org/page/Becomeamember)
FREE student membership!
- [America Society of Landscape Architects](https://www.asla.org/lastudents.aspx) ➞ [_ \(https://www.asla.org/lastudents.aspx\)](https://www.asla.org/lastudents.aspx) - FREE student membership!
- [American Society of Plant Biologists](https://plantae.org/) ➞ [_ \(https://plantae.org/\)](https://plantae.org/)
- [Botanical Gardens Conservation International](https://www.bgci.org/) ➞ [_ \(https://www.bgci.org/\)](https://www.bgci.org/)
- [Crop Science Society of America](https://www.crops.org/undergrads) ➞ [_ \(https://www.crops.org/undergrads\)](https://www.crops.org/undergrads)
- [Entomological Society of America](https://entsoc.org/membership/student-resources) ➞ [_ \(https://entsoc.org/membership/student-resources\)](https://entsoc.org/membership/student-resources)
- [Garden Communicators International](https://info.gardencomm.org/individual-membership-registration) ➞ [_ \(https://info.gardencomm.org/individual-membership-registration\)](https://info.gardencomm.org/individual-membership-registration)
- [Golf Course Superintendents Association](https://www.gcsaa.org/about-gcsaa/membership/membership-classifications) ➞ [_ \(https://www.gcsaa.org/about-gcsaa/membership/membership-classifications\)](https://www.gcsaa.org/about-gcsaa/membership/membership-classifications) - FREE student membership!
- [International Plant Propagators Society](https://ipps.org/) ➞ [_ \(https://ipps.org/\)](https://ipps.org/) - outstanding conference
- [International Society of Arboriculture](https://www.isa-arbor.com/Membership/Student-Programs) ➞ [_ \(https://www.isa-arbor.com/Membership/Student-Programs\)](https://www.isa-arbor.com/Membership/Student-Programs)
- [National Association of Landscape Professionals](https://www.landscapeprofessionals.org/LP/Membership/LP/Students_Faculty_NALP.aspx) ➞ [_ \(https://www.landscapeprofessionals.org/LP/Membership/LP/Students_Faculty_NALP.aspx\)](https://www.landscapeprofessionals.org/LP/Membership/LP/Students_Faculty_NALP.aspx) - FREE student membership
- [Perennial Plant Association](https://perennialplant.org/page/MemberTypes) ➞ [_ \(https://perennialplant.org/page/MemberTypes\)](https://perennialplant.org/page/MemberTypes) - amazing scholarship and conference

- **Soil Science Society of America** ➞ [\(https://www.soils.org/undergrads/\)](https://www.soils.org/undergrads/)
- **Sports Turf Managers Association** ➞ [\(https://www.sportsfieldmanagement.org/membership-categories/\)](https://www.sportsfieldmanagement.org/membership-categories/)
- **Sustainable Agriculture Education Association** ➞ [\(https://sustainableaged.org/become-member/\)](https://sustainableaged.org/become-member/)
- **Tennessee Nursery Landscape and Association** ➞ [\(https://www.tnla.com/\)](https://www.tnla.com/)
- **Tennessee Turfgrass Association** ➞ [\(https://ttaonline.org/page-1541600\)](https://ttaonline.org/page-1541600)
- **Weed Science Society of America** ➞ [\(https://wssa.net/society/wssa-membership/\)](https://wssa.net/society/wssa-membership/)