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*Supporting Research and Education
in Turfgrass Science*

FOUNDERS' SOCIETY

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What is KTF?

The Kansas Turfgrass Foundation (KTF) was founded in 1950. The KTF is comprised of 450 members of the turfgrass industry and is dedicated to providing better turf in Kansas. The KTF sponsors an annual conference (average attendance of 600) and field day (average attendance 250) during which research results are shared with turf managers throughout the region. Additional funds from the KTF are used to produce informative publications for turfgrass education.

Research is needed to help maintain high quality turf and address increasing environmental concerns. Presently, the KTF supports turfgrass research by providing funding to support student hourly labor and purchases of supplies. Acquisition of additional funds would be used to:

- ◆ Provide salary support for a full-time research technician;
- ◆ Purchase research equipment and supplies;
- ◆ Establish graduate assistantships to support research in golf course turf management.

KTF Founders' Society

The Kansas Turfgrass Foundation Founders' Society was established in 1990 to provide support for research and education in turfgrass science. Faculty at K-State conduct research to help solve problems associated with turfgrass culture in Kansas. Joining the Founders' Society is one more way your organization can help support the goals of the KTF.

Any lawn care company, golf course, parks department, sports complex, association, or

individual that benefits from turfgrass research should consider becoming a KTF Founder. Membership is accomplished by a one-time donation of \$1,000 to the KTF Founders' Investment Account. This amount may be paid in installments over a period of up to five years if so desired. Golf courses and others that work off of an annual operating budget may want to include KTF Founders membership in the upcoming year. Interest accrued will be used to compliment annual research contributions.

New Founders are recognized at the annual Turf Conference, all Founders are listed in each issue of *TurfNews*, the quarterly publication of the KTF, and lifetime membership is included for one member of the organization

Complete the KTF Founders' Society application, and join the turfgrass research team working to improve turfgrass quality in Kansas!

For additional information on the KTF Founders' Society, please contact:

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Research Projects

Research projects currently underway that are aimed at improving turf quality and the environment:

- ◆ Evaluation of new turfgrass varieties best adapted for use in Kansas.
- ◆ Identification of low-water using drought resistant grasses.
- ◆ Identification, biology, and control of turfgrass disease, insect, and weed pests.
- ◆ Evaluation of non-pesticide control practices for turfgrass disease, insect, and weed control.
- ◆ Conversion of tall fescue turfs to buffalograss.
- ◆ Evaluation of state-of-the-art technology for monitoring plant stress.
- ◆ Potential greenhouse-gas contributions of N fertilizers.

Kansas Turfgrass Foundation Founders' Society Membership Application

- I am interested in joining KTFSS. Enclosed is \$1,000.
- I am interested in joining KTFSS using the payment plan. Enclosed is \$ _____

Name _____

Organization _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Payment:

- Check payable to KTF enclosed
- Please invoice
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