Application for Certification

Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist

Return to: Rhode Island Nursery & Landscape Association
PO Box 984, West Kingston, RI 02892

NOTE: Before completing this application form, you must have passed the *RICH Certification Examination,* and also meet eligibility requirements as noted below.

Name: (please print)	
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email:	**Home Phone:**

I certify that the information contained in this application is true. I understand that falsification of information in this application is grounds for revocation of certification. I also authorize the Rhode Island Nursery & Landscape Association's RI Certified Horticulturist Board to contact employers and educational institutions named herein for verification of information.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Employment Eligibility:

A total of three (3) years' employment in the commercial horticultural industry is required – or two (2) years if meeting educational requirements. ***Note:*** Semester-long paid internships may be counted as a **total of 1/2 year** toward employment requirement (*see Internship Information on next page*).

Current Employer	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number	
Job Title & Job Description	
	Dates of Employment

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**** Use separate sheet of paper for additional employment information if necessary***

Internship Eligibility:

Note: Paid internships may be counted as a **total of 1/2 year** toward employment requirement if needed.

Place of Internship (Business Name)
City, State, Zip
Business Phone Number
School Enrolled in During Internship
Internship Coordinator
Job Title & Job Description
Dates of Employment

Education Eligibility:

Successful completion of two (2) or more years of a post-high school course in horticulture.

Complete this section ONLY if your employment history is less than three (3) years.

Name of School	
Address	
City, State, Zip	Phone
Course Completed	
Degree Earned	
Dates Attended	
Major Instructor / Dean or Registrar	

*Upon successful completion of the RICH Certification Examination, submit completed application with required fee of **$20** and the signed RICH Code of Ethics. Certificates will be mailed to the applicant following review and approval by the RI Certified Horticulturist Board.*

Code of Ethics

Rhode Island
Certified Horticulturist
Code of Ethics

I hereby agree to abide by the following Code of Ethics as a Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist:

1. I will promote the highest ethical standards in the conduct of myself and my horticultural enterprise(s).
2. I will promote the highest ethical standards in my own conduct and that of my horticultural enterprise(s).
3. I will make continued efforts to learn more about horticulture and improve my skills therein.
4. I agree that, should my certification not be renewed or ever revoked for any reason, I will not display any distinguishing emblems or titles or in any manner whatsoever imply that I am a Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist.
5. I fully understand that, should I be granted certification, such certification is limited and must be renewed each year by the earning of maintenance credits and the payment of the annual renewal fee. I understand that my certification will automatically be revoked unless renewed.
6. I understand that certification is granted by the nursery industry as recognition of knowledge and achievement for those who voluntarily quality and is in no way mandatory.
7. I understand that, upon certification, I am entitled to call myself a "Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist" and use the initials RICH after my name, as well as to display the RICH emblem in all forms.

I agree to all the above rules with no reservations in making this request for certification.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name of Applicant _____

(Please Print)

Return with completed Application for Certification to:

RINLA – RICH Board
PO Box 984
West Kingston, RI 02892-0984