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Foundation

South Florida PGA Foundation Scholarship



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The South Florida PGA Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded to support the South Florida community, with a focus on junior golf, education and scholarships, and charitable gifting. The South Florida PGA Foundation falls under the direction of the South Florida PGA, a not-for-profit organization comprised of over 1,850 men and women PGA Professionals serving as the experts in business and the game of golf.

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About The South Florida PGA Foundation

In 2004 the South Florida PGA Foundation began operations as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded to support the South Florida community. Since its inception, the Foundation has experienced extreme growth through the support of more than 1,850 PGA Professionals, 460 facilities, and numerous corporations. Over the past eleven years the Foundation has touched the lives of more than 12,000 individuals residing in South Florida, through various programming included but not limited to junior golf, charitable gifting, and scholarships.

About The South Florida PGA Foundation Scholarship

Developed in 2018 the South Florida PGA Foundation annually provides one local student with a four year, \$20,000 scholarship to assist with their college education. The student selected to receive the scholarship will receive it in \$5,000 increments over the course of four years. In order to receive funding each year, additional paperwork including a copy of the student's transcript must be submitted to the SFPGA Foundation to ensure the student is performing at an acceptable level.

Scholarship Purpose/ Applicant Eligibility

The purpose of the SFPGA Scholarship is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher education goals.

Eligible applicants include high school seniors who are currently employed in the golf industry, or whose parents or grandparents are employed in or retired from the golf industry (PGA professionals, superintendents, sales representatives, club employees, or club managers.)

Also included, individuals impacted through the South Florida PGA Foundation outreach programs including:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Smiling Fore Life
- PGA HOPE (son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter of a veteran who participated in PGA HOPE)
- Current SFPGA Junior Tour member
- Other SFPGA Foundation programs

Applicants must be permanent residents of the following south Florida counties: Broward, Collier, Dade, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie. And each student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale).

Deadline for applications: April 2nd annually

Important Scholarship Information

This packet contains information regarding the South Florida PGA Foundation Scholarship. Applications must be electronically submitted to the South Florida PGA by April 2nd.

NOTE: YOU MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, TO BE ELIGIBLE.

Applicants must have completed (or plan to complete) high school prior to August 1st of the current calendar year and have enrolled (or plan to enroll) in an accredited college or university in the fall of the current calendar year.

Along with each application (see below), the applicant must submit the following information:

- A copy of his/her most recent transcript (home schooled students must submit a parent transcript)
- A copy of his/her ACT/SAT test scores
- A personal statement (see below)
- 2 letters of recommendation (from a teacher, guidance counselor, employer, coach, PGA Professional, etc.)
- Financial Information

Personal Statement

On page four (4) of this application, please type a response to ONE of the following topics. This statement should help us get to know you by going beyond the numbers and facts included in other sections of your application. Present yourself in a carefully written and honest reflection.

1. Outside of your immediate family, who inspires you the most?
2. When was the last time you over-delivered on something (project, assignment, etc.)? What was it? Why did you work so hard at it?
3. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.

We ask that you limit your essay to two pages typed using a font of 10-12.

At the top of the page, please include: "Personal Statement," your name, and the topic you selected.

Application

Students Name (First, MI, Last): _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____

Occupation/Employer information (if scholarship applicant is employed):

Name of Legal Guardian and their relationship to applicant:

Please briefly describe your affiliation to the South Florida PGA/South Florida PGA Foundation (example: family member of a member of the PGA, Junior Tour participant, PGA HOPE, or attended Smiling Fore Life):

If you have a family member affiliated with the PGA or employed in the golf industry please list their name and source of employment, or Foundation program in which the applicant is associated with:

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

I will be enrolling at the following institution this fall:

I will be enrolled in the following major:

High School Attended (Name, Address & Phone Number):

Size of Senior Class: _____

Rank in Class: _____

High School GPA (must be above 3.0 on 4.0 scale): _____

Special Honors

___ Valedictorian

___ National Merit

___ Salutatorian

___ National Achievement

___ National Honor Society

___ Other (please describe)

ACT or SAT Score: _____

National % Ranking: _____

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

List the appropriate extracurricular high school activities and community programs below, including all awards and positions of leadership held by you as well as membership in various student organizations.

Student Government (list offices held and number of years):

Extra-Curricular Activities (list participation in sports, band, organizations, etc. and number of years):

Scholastic Honors, please list any National or State Scholastic Honors received (National Honor Society, Who's Who, All American Academic Athlete, etc.)

Community organizations, volunteerism, involvement and programs:

Work experience:

If you play the game of golf please answer the following questions in addition to providing any other information you would like to provide:

- When did you start playing golf?
- Who introduced you to the game?
- Have you ever worked with a PGA Professional?
- Did you play on your high school team?
- Have you play in any local, regional or national events?

If you do not play the game of golf, please list some of your hobbies and explain why they are important to you or any accomplishments you have achieved performing them.

FINANCIAL/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How will this scholarship help you personally?

Please include first two pages of your most recent 1040 tax return – additional factors may be considered.

Please free to include additional pages, if your answers do not fit within the space provided.

****PARTIAL & INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED****

Additional Information

Interviews

Finalists could be subject to take part in a formal interview process with the Scholarship Committee on a specific date in April.

Announcement of Winners

Successful applicants will be notified by June 15th.

Please direct any questions to Michelle Goda at mgoda@pgahq.com or 561-537-5809.

Please visit www.sfpagagolf.com/foundation/scholarships/ to learn more about our previous Scholarship winners. Please note that only high school seniors are eligible for scholarships this year.

****Please note as listed above, the individual of receives the scholarship will remain in contact with the selection committee and the SFPGA Foundation staff throughout their college career, providing an annual progress report in order to received ongoing funding. Additional paperwork for the recipient to complete will be provided upon receiving the scholarship.***

“The South Florida PGA Foundation, PGA Professionals dedicated to impacting more lives throughout the south Florida community”