



Western Pennsylvania Golf Association

324 Fourth Street ♦ Pittsburgh, PA 15238

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Date: Fall 2016

The Western Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to inform you about its Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund originally began in 1941 as a Caddie Scholarship Fund, but has since expanded to include club employees in the clubhouse, the golf shop, golf course, swimming pool or tennis courts. Persons who have been employed at Member Clubs of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association for at least two seasons are eligible to apply.

This scholarship has a unique feature in that it is renewable for up to four years or until graduation, whichever is shorter. Students must maintain a 2.8 GPA per term to continue receiving the scholarship. The program has 10 to 12 students. The scholarship's value is calculated annually, based on the fund's performance, donations and the number of participants. The total value is about \$16,000 (over 4 years).

The program is open to High School seniors or students in their freshman or sophomore years of college. Any interested candidate must fill out the enclosed forms and submit them by the deadline along with the other required information. The committee weighs financial need, academic performance and extracurricular activities along with their employment at a WPGA Member Club in determining the interview candidates. Potential Finalists will need to submit a copy of their "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" to the WPGA. Finalist interviews will be conducted in April of next year. Official announcement of the successful candidates will be in late April.

In addition, the WPGA Scholarship Fund has partnered with the Western Golf Association / Evans Scholars Foundation, which is the nation's largest privately funded college scholarship program. The Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship is a one-year full tuition and housing scholarship, renewable for four years, but is only available to caddies. There are over 850 Evans Scholars currently at 20 universities and nearly 9,000 have graduated. In order for the WPGA to help assist with the opportunity for an Evans Scholarship, the caddie must get his or her WPGA Scholarship application to us by September 15th. We also highly recommend that caddies apply directly for the Evans Scholarship by contacting the Western Golf Association at (847) 724-4600.

Sincerely,

WPGA Scholarship Committee