

2017 Southern Texas PGA Foundation

Scholarship Program

Information and Application



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2017 SOUTHERN TEXAS PGA FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the STPGA Foundation Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher education goals for youth who have demonstrated a high level of achievement during high school or college, have financial need, and have shown an interest in the game of golf.

ELIGIBILITY:

It is not required that applicants for the 2017 STPGA Foundation Scholarship Program be junior golfers. The applicant's golfing ability will not be the determining factor in the evaluation process. Details of the applicant's involvement in golf will be requested in the application. Applicants must currently reside within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Texas PGA Section.

Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance to meet educational expenses.

Applicants must have completed (or plan to complete) high school prior to September 1st, 2017 and must be enrolled (or planning to enroll) as a full time student. A full time student is defined as one who is taking 12 or more hours in a course of study leading to a traditional associate (2 year) or baccalaureate (4 year) degree at an accredited college or university located within the United States, or considered a full-time student by his/her respective institution.

The Southern Texas PGA Foundation Scholarship Committee will review class ranking, grade point average (GPA) and either ACT or SAT test scores, the student's extracurricular activities and financial need. The student should be enrolled in a college-bound curriculum. Distinguished honors should be noted.

The applicant's high school cumulative grade point average **MUST BE AT LEAST 2.5 ON a 4.0 GRADING SCALE** or the student **WILL NOT** be considered eligible for the scholarship program. College students applying for any STPGA Foundation scholarship **MUST HAVE A MINIMUM** of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

The awarding of the Southern Texas PGA Foundation Scholarships is further contingent upon other financial aid, grants, and/or scholarships, which may be awarded to the applicant. The STPGA expressly reserves the right to revoke any commitment to extend scholarship benefits to any applicant receiving any other form of financial aid, grants, and/or scholarship for attendance at an accredited four-year college or university or an accredited two-year college. Notice of this policy will be given by the STPGA Foundation to all educational institutions to which applicants have applied.

2017 SCHOLARSHIP TIME LINE:

Deadline to return applications to the STPGA Foundation	March 10, 2017
Deadline for school transcripts to be received by STPGA Foundation	March 14, 2017
Recipients announced	April 19, 2017
Funds distributed to appropriate Colleges/Universities	May 31, 2017

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS:

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a combination of the following areas:

Graduating High School Seniors

High School Academic record (Cumulative GPA and Class Rank) **Note:** Transcript should be
ACT and/or SAT scores from the Fall semester
Extracurricular activities of the 2016-2017 school year
Voluntary Statements
Financial need (FAFSA – SAR Report)
Junior Golf participation/interest

Current College Students

Cumulative College GPA **Note:** Transcript should be
Financial need (FAFSA – SAR Report) from the Fall semester
College extracurricular activities of the 2016-2017 school year
Golf participation/interest
Voluntary Statements

SOUTHERN TEXAS PGA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS:

George Hannon Scholarship – Four at \$3,000

The George Hannon Scholarships are named for the former University of Texas golf coach from 1963 to 1981. Coach Hannon's teams won two NCAA Team Championships and nine Southwest Conference Championships. He coached four individual NCAA Champions, eight individual Southwest Conference Champions, and 22 College Golf All Americans. Coach Hannon is a Member of the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame and is named to the Top 10 Golf Coaches of the 20th Century. Additionally, Coach Hannon served as the president of the Southern Texas PGA in 1972-1973 and was twice honored as the STPGA Golf Professional of the Year.

Two George Hannon Scholarships will be awarded (one boy and one girl) to applicants that reside in one of the following counties: Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Blanco, Burnet or Williamson. Golf experience and letter of recommendation from PGA Professional are preferred.

Ginny Termeer Scholarship – One at \$2,500

Named after the mother of STPGA member Steve Termeer following her unexpected passing in 2008. In his words, "she simply was the greatest person I have ever met." Ginny stood for all the good in people and dearly loved the game of golf. She was former president of the WGA at Walden on Lake Conroe where she thoroughly enjoyed playing with the ladies group. While the kids were growing up she never missed an opportunity to score for the junior golfers at River Plantation, and went on to score for the Houston Open and Tour Championship. It would have been her desire to assist a junior golfer looking to better themselves by attending college, especially a candidate that represents the values she stood for. Having been a high-school chemistry teacher in Conroe for more than 20 years, she had the opportunity to influence many lives. She was liked by all and always spoke positively of others. She was the centerpiece of the family and enjoyed her travels. This scholarship is created to perpetuate her memory.

One Ginny Termeer Scholarship will be awarded to a junior golfer who resides in Montgomery or any of the contiguous counties.

Bill Sitton Sr. Scholarship – Two at \$2,500

The Bill Sitton Sr. Scholarship was created to assist aspiring college bound students furthering their education. The recipient and his or her family will have the assurance that this financial support should assist them for ample time (4 years) to obtain an undergraduate degree.

All STPGA Foundation Scholarship Applicants are eligible for this scholarship. This scholarships will be awarded at \$1,000 per year for 4 years.

Dick Harmon Scholarship provided by the Harmon Family Foundation – Three at \$7,000

The Dick Harmon Scholarships are named for the former Southern Texas PGA Member that was one of the most respected PGA Professionals and Golf Instructors in the country. Dick Harmon served as the PGA Professional at River Oaks Country Club for 23 years from 1977 until 2001. In 2001, Harmon established the Dick Harmon School of Golf at Redstone GC and also The Houstonian CC. Harmon was renowned as a junior golf ambassador and instructor by his peers across the country. He tutored such extraordinary talents as Fred Couples, Steve Elkington, Lanny Wadkins, Craig Stadler, Blaine McCallister, Billy Ray Brown and US Open Champion Lucas Glover, to name just a few. Dick Harmon was one of four brothers (Butch, Craig, Dick & Billy) that went on to receive national recognition for their talents as golf instructors. The patriarch of the family, Claude Harmon, won the 1948 Masters and was the golf professional at Winged Foot GC, Seminole GC and Lochinvar GC to name a few.

The Dick Harmon Scholarships will be awarded to students who are going on to college to play collegiate golf. These Scholarships are made possible through a donation from the Harmon Family Foundation.

The Harmon Family also funds the Dick Harmon junior golf participation scholarships. These funds assist aspiring young golfers, that might not otherwise be able to afford the expense, participate in the Southern Texas PGA Junior Golf Programs. Contact the Southern Texas PGA at 832.442.2404 for more information regarding the Dick Harmon Junior Golf Participation Scholarships.

Robert N. Lyons Scholarship - One at \$1,000

Named in honor of the grandfather of STPGA member, Ricky Lyons. Bob had a great passion for life and a love of many things. In addition to golf, Bob enjoyed traveling and learning about history. His greatest reward was spending time with his family. He served his country as a member of the 106th Infantry Division during World Word II. After retiring to Elkins Lake Country Club in 1982 he spent his time actively involved in the Men's Golf Association, Senior Interclub, and started their "Divot Sanding Program". He lost his battle with Parkinson's in 2001. He was a great role model to all and is sorely missed. This scholarship has been established in his memory to assist a young person in continuing their education and pursuing their dreams.

The Robert N. Lyons Scholarship will be awarded to applicants that reside in one of the following counties: Harris, Montgomery, Walker, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Galveston, Chambers, Liberty or Waller.

Jay Hebert Scholarship - One at \$2,500

The Jay Hebert Scholarship is named for PGA Tour player Junius Joseph "Jay" Hebert. Mr. Hebert won seven times on the PGA Tour including the 1960 PGA Championship. His younger brother, Lionel Hebert, also won the PGA Championship, in 1957. He played on the 1959 and 1961 Ryder Cup teams and was Captain for the 1971 team. Jay passed away in 1997 and he is the father to Southern Texas PGA Member Jean-Paul Hebert. All STPGA Foundation Scholarship Applicants are eligible for this scholarship.

Shawn Stefani Scholarship – Five at \$3,000

The Shawn Stefani Scholarship is named for PGA Tour player Shawn Stefani. Mr. Stefani became a PGA Tour Member in 2013, earning his card by way of his play on the 2012 web.com Tour. Shawn has strong ties to the Southern Texas PGA, having played STPGA Junior Golf prior to playing his collegiate career at Lamar. The Shawn Stefani Scholarship is one example of Shawn's desire to give back to the community that has supported him so loyally. The Shawn Stefani Scholarship will be awarded to a high school golfer who has maintained a 3.0 minimum GPA and resides in Harris, Chambers, Liberty, Jefferson, Hardin or Orange counties.

The Hill Country MGA Scholarship – One at \$2,000

The Hill Country MGA celebrates its 20th season by increasing its annual scholarship to \$2,000 in 2016. Students who live in or attend schools in the Highland Lakes area of the Texas Hill Country and have been accepted to an accredited 4 year college or university located in the state of Texas are eligible for the award. This year's scholarship will again honor a member that has made an extraordinary impact on the Hill Country Men's Golf Association. The 2017 Hill Country MGA Scholarship honors Buddy Schrader.

Fred Blackmar Scholarship – Three at \$1,000

Fred Blackmar was from Luling, Texas, and was a retired Commander of the US Navy. Fred was also well known in the golf ranks as he won the national left handed championship in 1965 and the Texas left handed championship six times. Each of the scholarships given in his name are related to his background. All applicants must be in the top 25% of their graduating class to be eligible. Additionally, one will be given to a student whose mother or father serves actively in the US Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army or Marines or served a minimum of 12 years in any of these listed military branches and either retired or received an honorable discharge.

A second scholarship gives greater consideration for a left handed high school golfer and golf team member who is in the top 25% of their class. Please note applicants must reside in the southern or western chapter of the Southern Texas PGA (includes Corpus Christi, Austin, San Antonio, Laredo and surrounding areas). Applicants MUST include in their essay why they deserve the award as well as how they conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the 9 core values of the First Tee program. Applicants must also submit letters of reference written by their golf coach and a local PGA Professional to be considered.

Julie Hansen Scholarship – One at \$3,000

The Julie Hansen Scholarship will be awarded to a female applicant that resides in south Texas with community involvement. This scholarship is made possible through a donation from Margaret and Wes Hansen.

Henry Hansen Scholarship – One at \$3,000

The Henry Hansen Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant that resides in south Texas. This scholarship is made possible through a donation from Margaret and Wes Hansen.

Ray and Jo Ann Kingsbury Scholarship – One at \$3,000

The Ray and Jo Ann Kingsbury Scholarship will be awarded to a junior golfer that resides in south Texas. This scholarship is made possible through a donation from Margaret and Wes Hansen.

Lone Star NGL Scholarship – One at \$1,000

The Lone Star NGL Scholarship will be awarded to a high school golfer who has maintained a 3.0 minimum GPA and resides in Chambers or Liberty counties.

Please note that more scholarships could be added!

Southern Texas PGA Section and Southern Texas PGA Foundation

The Southern Texas PGA is a “Section” of the Professional Golfers’ Association of America. The PGA of America was founded in 1916 and as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary, the principles that led to the formation of the organization are still what drive us today. Recognizing the passion that millions share for golf, the PGA of America – through its more than 28,000 men and women Professionals – has dedicated itself to the growth of the game.

As part of the Southern Texas PGA Section’s contribution to the national efforts, the Southern Texas PGA Foundation was formed in 1994. The STPGA Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization and is dedicated to providing the youth in south Texas broad opportunities to experience the game of golf and enhance their skills as players and individuals.

Since that modest beginning, the STPGA Foundation has developed extremely successful programs for young golfers ages six through eighteen. The Little Linksters program provides instruction from qualified PGA Professionals and introductory tournament opportunities. The STPGA Junior Links Tour provides an opportunity for high school and junior high school age youth to pickup the game of golf at an introductory level. The STPGA Junior Tour provides high school and junior high school age youth a proving ground to enhance their skills and a recreational activity during the summer months. The STPGA Bridgestone Prestige Tour is aimed at those juniors who are highly competitive. The Legends Junior Tour provides an affordable forum for the most competitive players striving to earn a college scholarship or measure themselves against the best golfers in the state. Each year these programs attract over 3,400 STPGA Junior Golf Members.

The PGA Members of southern Texas did not stop at just providing instructional and playing opportunities. Since 1999 the STPGA foundation has provided more than \$781,000 and awarded more than 275 college scholarships. Additionally, financial aid is available for young golfers that demonstrate a need to participate in any of the STPGA Foundation programs.

The STPGA Foundation has been fortunate to garner much support from companies, individuals and organizations that share similar values and believe in the efforts and programs made available by the STPGA Foundation. These have included Bridgestone Golf, the USGA, Cypresswood Golf Club and Foresight Golf, Inc., City of Mont Belvieu and Eagle Pointe Golf Club, BlueGolf and more.

There are many avenues for the PGA Professionals of south Texas and the STPGA Foundation to impact even more young lives by introducing and providing opportunities to play golf, the game of a lifetime. The future vision includes golf in schools programs whereby middle school age children are introduced to golf through their physical education programs, additional funding to support the financial aid program and sponsor more deserving youth into STPGA Foundation programs and the creation of more family and youth golf instructional programs to introduce the game to families that might not otherwise experience it.

2017 Southern Texas PGA Foundation Scholarship Application

INSTRUCTIONS:

To be considered for a STPGA Foundation Scholarship, this application must be completed in its entirety. The application must be returned to the STPGA Foundation Office by March 10, 2017. The information supplied must be accurate and will be kept strictly confidential by the STPGA Foundation.

(1) APPLICANT INFORMATION SECTION (Please print or type):

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County (i.e. Harris, Galveston, etc.): _____ Home Phone: _____

Social Security #: _____ DOB: _____

Email Address: _____ Current or Former STPGA Member (Y/N): _____

(2) GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SECTION (Please print or type):

Note: If you are currently attending College skip this section and complete Section (3)

High School: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School Ranking: _____ Size of Sr. Class: _____

High School GPA: _____ Based on: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

****Example**** 3.56 4.0

ACT Composite Score: _____ Date Taken: _____

SAT Math Score: _____ SAT Reading Score: _____ SAT Writing Score: _____

****Example for each Section**** 680/800

Date Taken: _____

Which College or University are you planning to attend in the fall of 2017? _____

Have you been accepted to that College or University? _____

(3) CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS SECTION (Please print or type):

College or University you are currently attending: _____

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

High School Graduation Date:

High School:

Cumulative College GPA:

Based on:

Example

3.56

4.0

Total Hours Completed:

Which College or University are you planning to attend in the fall of 2017?

(4) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from completed FAFSA:

(5) Number of Dependents in family and ages:

(6) Are you or any one in your family active or retired military?

(7) Have you applied for and/or received other financial aid from any other source (i.e., grants, athletic scholarships, academic scholarships, etc.)? If you answered yes, please describe (source, amount, date, time period).

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

****Applications will not be processed without this information.**

1. ****Current High School or College Transcript**
 2. ****ACT and/or SAT scores (high school applicants)**
 3. ****Printed SAR (Student Aid Report) which can be obtained by filling out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid Application) at www.fafsa.ed.gov**
 4. ****List of Junior Golf Participation (if applicable)**
 5. Submit a Personal Statement of not more than 150 words explaining your personal aspirations and future goals. (recommended)
 6. Letter of Recommendation from an STPGA Professional (recommended)
 7. List of Extracurricular Activities (recommended)
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CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the enclosed information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as reflected by the appropriate school records. Any false information will automatically void this application.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Date:

(Voluntary)

PGA Professional's Signature:

Date:

Please return the completed application and direct any questions to:

Kelly Gilley – STPGA Foundation Scholarship Program

22305 Gosling Road

Spring, TX 77389

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Fax: 281-907-0951

Email: kgilley@pgahq.com

Southern Texas PGA Foundation

Mission Statement

The Southern Texas PGA Foundation will introduce and provide youth in south Texas broad opportunities to experience the game of golf, develop their talent as players and themselves as individuals and promote scholarship benefits to as many qualified candidates as possible. The STPGA Foundation will uphold the high degree of professionalism necessary to motivate young men and women to strive for personal integrity, honor and ideals.