



The First Tee Scholars Program 2018-2019 Application

Application Deadline: February 25, 2019

Overview:

The Scholars Program is a distinction awarded to participants who excel in academics, leadership, character development, and chapter and community involvement. The designation of Scholar brings with it eligibility for scholarship opportunities and national events.

Participant Selection:

Applications are accepted once per year from seniors in high school who meet the minimum eligibility requirements. They are scored by a judging committee made up of home office staff, chapter staff and an outside representative. The number of Scholars designated varies by year.

Eligibility Requirements:

For participants of The First Tee to be eligible for The First Tee Scholars Program, they must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- Must be classified as a high school senior as of December 31, 2018
- Must have been a participant in The First Tee for at least three years (since December 31, 2015)
- Must be registered in the Participant Database at a minimum of Birdie level as of December 31, 2018
- You must be registered, active, and current in activities at your chapter
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application
- You must have taken the SAT and/or ACT in order to apply and scored a minimum of 19 on the ACT or 500 on both parts of the SAT (500 in Math and 500 in Evidence Based Reading & Writing)
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants

Application Process:

Applications will be submitted online at thefirsttee.fluidreview.com; please follow the instructions in the "Quick Start Guide" on how to complete this process. The online application will consist of the following:

- Application Code
- General Information Form
- Participant School Information
- School & Community Activities Chart, & Two (2) Typed Essays
- High School Transcripts (unofficial is fine) and Official Test Scores (printed from test site and scanned)
- Chapter Participation Survey (to be completed by a chapter representative and uploaded by the participant)
- Social Media Code of Conduct, The First Tee Code of Conduct, Scholars Program Statement of Understanding and Application Certification



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Selection:

Following the closing date of February 25, 2019 a judging committee made up of home office staff, chapter staff, and an outside representative will review the above items and identify candidates that will be selected for The First Tee Scholars Program 2018-2019 class. The field will be announced March 20, 2019.

Questions:

For questions regarding The First Tee Scholars Program please contact Brandon Luna at The First Tee home office at bluna@thefirsttee.org, 904-940-4311.

Below is a copy of the application you will need to complete online; please refer to the application below to make sure that you have all of the information you need to complete your application online. Online applications MUST be submitted by The First Tee participant. The First Tee will NOT accept correspondence from families of participants. The deadline to apply online is February 25, 2019.



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GENERAL INFORMATION FORM	
Participant Name (First and Last):	
Chapter: <i>The First Tee of</i>	
Participant E-Mail:	Participant Cell #:
Current Home Address:	Home #:
City:	State:
	ZIP Code:
Parent/Guardian #1 Full Name:	Parent/Guardian #2 Full Name:
Parent/Guardian #1 E-Mail:	Parent/Guardian #2 E-Mail:
Parent/Guardian #1 Cell #:	Parent/Guardian #2 Cell #:
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	Age as of February 25, 2019 :
School Grade Level as of December 31, 2018 : <i>High School</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	High School or College Grade Point Average (based on a 4.0 scale):
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Ethnic Background: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino/a <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Native Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Racial	Years playing golf: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7+
Are you planning to major in a STEM related field in college? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you a current member, or a past member, of LPGA-USGA Girls Golf? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
USGA GHIN # (if none, "N/A"):	USGA Handicap:
Chapter Contact Full Name:	Chapter Contact E-Mail:



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STUDENT FAMILY INFORMATION		
Participant Name (First and Last):	Chapter: <i>The First Tee of</i>	
Parent/Guardian #1 Full Name:	Parent/Guardian #2 Full Name:	
Parent/Guardian Permanent, Legal Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Parent/Guardian #1 Employer:		
Parent/Guardian #1 Occupation:	Phone #:	
Parent/Guardian #2 Employer:		
Parent/Guardian #2 Occupation:	Phone #:	



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PARTICIPANT SCHOOL INFORMATION	
Name of current High School:	Please Check One: Public _____ ; Private _____ ; Home School _____
Anticipated Graduation Date: Class Rank: _____ out of _____	Grade Point Average: Is this a weighted GPA? If yes, on a scale of:
Please list any Honors (H) or Advanced Placement (AP) classes you are currently taking:	
Do you play on your high school golf team?	
ACT AND SAT TESTS	
List the highest scores for each section of the SAT tests you have taken. <u>You must upload a copy of your test scores to the application.</u> SAT Math: SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing: Date SAT Taken:	
List your ACT composite score:	Date ACT Taken:
Do you plan on taking any of these tests again?	Future SAT Test Date: Future ACT Test Date:



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COLLEGE INFORMATION

List any colleges to which you have applied and been accepted:

If you have already decided, please list the college you plan to attend:

Do you plan to play on your college golf team? If yes, have you received a college golf scholarship?

Please select the college scholarships you expect to apply for and receive:

- Athletic full
- Athletic partial
- Merit
- Local community
- National
- None

Please list all monetary awards, grants, and scholarships (athletic, golf, community, etc.) you have already received, including the total amount of each, whether they are one-time or recurring, and the awarding institution:

If you know your major or course of study, please indicate (include field of study if STEM related):

Please describe your current career aspirations:



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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHART				
Please complete the chart below; more space will be available when completing this section online.				
A. Extracurricular & School Activities	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
<i>Example: Golf Club</i>	<i>Jan 2018 - Present</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Club President: Organized play dates</i>
B. Community & Volunteer Service	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
C. Awards & Recognition	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
D. Work for Pay	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments



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SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS

Answer BOTH of the following questions. Please use the space provided below. Your response must be 300 words or less per question.

1. Describe in your own words the value participating in The First Tee has had in your life. Tell a story about yourself using one of the Life Skills you have applied (NOT Nine Core Values!). Include examples of personal growth, development of leadership traits, core value enhancement, and golf skill development. How will these lessons help you to succeed in college?

2. Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years after completing your formal education? Please describe what you envision your occupation being and how The First Tee Life Skills Experience will have influenced and guided you during this time.



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HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND OFFICIAL ACT or SAT TEST SCORES

Please upload the following with your application:

- High School transcript (unofficial is fine)
- Copies of your official test scores – download from test service website



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CHAPTER PARTICIPATION SURVEY

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN: The following form is to be completed by a chapter coach, program director or executive director for each applicant applying for a home office "Participant Opportunity". It is the participant's responsibility to make sure this is filled out and signed, and then uploaded to their online application.

Please note, this form is a vital part of the criteria evaluated for home office participant opportunities. Please complete it thoughtfully as full information is necessary. Please type directly onto this form, or attach a separate typed page with numbered answers.

1. How many years has this participant been involved with your chapter?

2. In the past 12 months, how many total hours has this participant spent in Life Skills Experience (LSE) programming at your chapter?

3. How often does this participant visit your chapter? Please describe activities this participant is involved in, with your chapter, outside of LSE programs?

4. On a scale of 1 – 10 (10 being the highest), rate the level of engagement this participant has had with your chapter within the last 12 months and comment on this participant's level of commitment to The First Tee.

5. Provide examples of how the participant uses life skills learned at the chapter.

Name of Chapter Representative:

Position at the Chapter:

Signature:

Date:

E-Mail Address:

Phone #:



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Social Media Code of Conduct

The First Tee Code of Conduct requires participants to demonstrate the Nine Core Values in their everyday lives and, in particular, to show respect for oneself, others and your surroundings. These caring behaviors are expected not only in face-to-face situations but also in written correspondence and electronic social media interactions. Before, during or after participating in an event sponsored by The First Tee, you may want to communicate with other participants from the event. With that in mind, The First Tee has a social media code of conduct of which we would like to make you aware. For clarification, we consider social media to include all personal Web sites and all forms of online community activities such as online blogs, social networks, message boards, conversation pages, chat rooms, emails and cell phone texting.

The First Tee Social Media Code of Conduct states that while using any social media platform to communicate with other Chapter participants or with anyone about The First Tee, you must abide by The First Tee Code of Conduct and The First Tee Nine Core Values. If you are unaware of what the Code of Conduct states, you can review your Participant Yardage Book or your Chapter has a copy you can review. Also, The First Tee’s copyrighted words, logos and trademarks may not be used in any manner on social media pages without home office approval. For example, you cannot create a social media group that appears to be sponsored by The First Tee.

It is very important to respect and follow the rules set forth in The First Tee Code of Conduct and Nine Core Values when using any social media platform. If you fail to do so, there will be consequences which may include cancellation of benefits and being prohibited from participating in future participant events hosted by The First Tee home office. The home office will also involve parents and Chapter leaders in these discussions as needed. Thank you for your attention to these guidelines.

Examples of Social Media (but not limited to): Facebook, Instagram, Vine, MySpace, Twitter, IM/Chatting, Blogs, YouTube, Flickr, Email, Texting

Electronic Signature: In accordance with federal law, the parties may execute this document electronically equaling to the same degree as a handwritten signature by using the following process to create an electronic symbol signifying intent. The party must fill in their name and title below, and sign in the box where requested below.

Participant Signature

Participant Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date



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The First Tee Code of Conduct

The First Tee takes great pride in the quality of its participants, host facilities, and community involvement at each and every event or special opportunity. In order to make these events enjoyable for everyone, The First Tee requires all participants to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to help The First Tee participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. Your signature at the bottom of this page indicates that you understand that the Code of Conduct is to be followed throughout your stay at this event.

VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, disrespect to staff, host, or volunteers
- Use or association with drugs or alcohol, smoking or chewing tobacco products
- Vandalism of any sort at host hotel
- Conduct not becoming of a The First Tee participant, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions
- Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse or verbal abuse to other participants, staff or guests
- Not adhering to the dress code

REQUIRED DRESS AT THE EVENT (Unless otherwise instructed)

- Hats/visors are acceptable during tournament viewing only and must be worn with the brim forward. Males must remove hat/visor while indoors
- Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks must be worn and tucked in at all times
- Women’s fashion shirts without a collar are acceptable but must have sleeves
- Women’s shorts must be no more than 5” above the knee or the inseam of the shorts must measure at least 5”

PROHIBITED DRESS DURING THE EVENT

- Tank tops, T-shirts
- Denim shorts, short-shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts, jeans, short skirts
- Tattoos (must be covered)
- Body piercing (other than earrings for females)

Proper attire is required at all times including meetings and free time. Questionable attire will be reviewed by on-site staff. Should a host facility have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES

Participants in violation of this Code of Conduct will be prohibited from participating in the remainder of the event and will be sent home at their own expense.

Participant Signature

Participant Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date



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The First Tee Scholars Program Statement of Understanding

I acknowledge that I am fully aware of and understand the following information:

Designated Scholar: Designation as The First Tee Scholar does not mean that a scholarship is awarded.

Named Scholarships: These funds are donated either in honor or memory of someone, or have been donated by individuals or corporations. Some Named Scholarships have very specific eligibility criteria. Most of these scholarships are valued at \$2,500 per year and are renewable for four years (\$10,000 total) assuming the student continues to attend school and meet the school’s criteria for merit scholarships. The funds are paid directly to the institution of the recipient’s choice. Named Scholarships are reserved for the top few students in each Class of Scholars. Named Scholarships entail a separate application process and are awarded each spring for students entering college the following fall based both on criteria for each scholarship, as well as the applicants’ individual merits. Named Scholarships may be considered as taxable income.

Scholar Opportunities: All designated Scholars are eligible for speaking opportunities, possible internships, and attendance at special events. Scholars are not guaranteed participation in any event. All Scholars will be considered for special opportunities based on the criteria for the event and information submitted with their separate event application.

Maintaining a Scholarship: Scholars who accept Named Scholarships must maintain the required level of academic performance set forth by the school they choose to attend. If performance falls below this level, the Scholarship(s) will be revoked. Please refer to the individual schools’ requirements for more information.

Electronic Signature: In accordance with federal law, the parties may execute this document electronically – equaling to the same degree as a handwritten signature – by using the following process to create an electronic symbol signifying intent. The party must fill in their name and date below, signifying your agreement.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature:	Date:
Participant Signature:	Date:



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Applicant Certification

I certify that the above information of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if I knowingly have provided false information in an effort to receive financial assistance, my application will be rejected and I will be disqualified from seeking any scholarships through The First Tee Scholars Program.

I agree to uphold and abide by all Codes of Conduct for participant opportunities including but not limited to the Social Media Code of Conduct. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of my designation as a Scholar of The First Tee.

I have read and understand all Scholars Program materials. I also understand that the designation of The First Tee Scholar does not guarantee the receipt of a Named or General Scholarship from The First Tee.

I agree to furnish any additional information requested of me including, but not limited to, academic and/or athletic pictures, updated transcripts and/or official test scores in a timely manner.

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