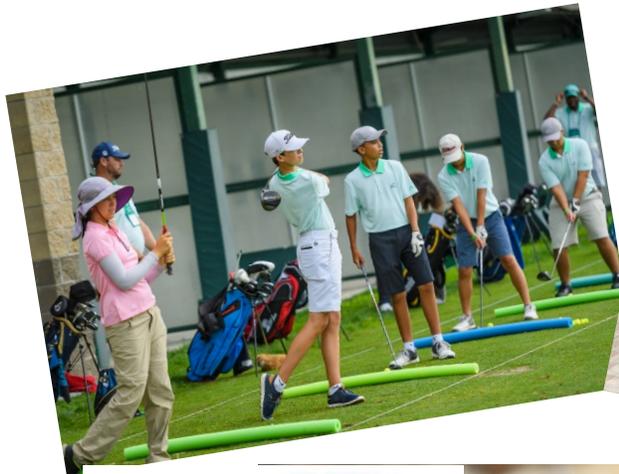




2019

# HOME OFFICE PARTICIPANT OPPORTUNITIES





## OVERVIEW – PLEASE READ!

Thanks to corporate partners and generous donors, The First Tee Home Office is able to offer a variety of special opportunities for participants each year. Selection is competitive and prestigious and the awards and events often become life-changing experiences for The First Tee students who are selected.

This Guide was developed by TFT-GCNKY to summarize Opportunities and provide descriptions, timing, eligibility and other pertinent information about each. Parents and students should review the summaries, then contact Chapter staff to learn more and take next steps.

All applications must now be submitted online, and in all but a few cases, we'll need to provide you with an application link and login code. In some cases, there's a limit to how many students from each Chapter can apply, so please connect with us as early as possible with any Qs and to discuss those that are of interest to you.

### Here's who to contact at our Chapter:

- Operations Manager Jeanne Siegel, (513) 988-7226; [jeanne@thefirstteegcnky.org](mailto:jeanne@thefirstteegcnky.org)

Jeanne will work closely with the program coordinator, your coaches and golf instructors to assist you in the application process. We are here to help!

Unless otherwise noted, The First Tee Home Office pays or reimburses all costs for selected participants.

Except for The First Tee Scholars Program (and a couple other noted exceptions) **The First Tee Participant Opportunities have these eligibility requirements in common:**

- *Must be in the 14-18 age range. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the JDC and not reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event.*
- *Must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2019. (Some exceptions apply, e.g., Coca Cola's–America's Future, Pure Insurance Championship.)*
- *Must be active in The First Tee participant database and registered at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.*
- *Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible.*



## 2019 PARTICIPANT OPPORTUNITIES AT-A-GLANCE

Pg	Opportunity	Event Date	Location	Application Opens	Deadline	Selections Announced
	<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>					
4	The Scholars Program	N/A	N/A	Jan 23	Feb 25	Mar 20
10	*Scholarships (only open to The First Tee scholars)	N/A	N/A	March 20	May 6	June 12
4	John Deere Power for Good Scholarship Contest (& John Deere Classic Pro-Am)	Jul 7-11	Silvis, IL	Feb 6	Apr 1	May 15
	<b>COLLEGE/CAREER PREP</b>					
5	John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (girls only)	Jun 19-22	Atlanta, GA	Feb 6	Apr 1	May 15
5	Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy	Jul 24-30	Boise, ID	Feb 6	Apr 8	May 29
5	Coca-Cola America's Future (& scholarship)	Aug 21-24	Atlanta, GA	Apr 17	June 3	June 26
	<b>GOLF</b>					
6	Wells Fargo Succeeding Together	Apr 29-May 5	Charlotte, NC	Jane 23	Mar 11	Apr 17
7	IJGA Training Program					
9	CoBank Peak Performers	Aug 21-24	Los Angeles, CA	Apr 3	May 13	June 12
7	Perfect Sense Unified Challenge	Jun 23-27	San Francisco, CA	Feb 6	Mar 25	May 1
8	Pure Insurance Championship	Sep 24-30	Pebble Beach, CA	Feb 6	May 6	July 10
	<b>ALUMNI ONLY EVENTS</b>					
9	Alumni Regional Event	TBD	TBD	See alumni network	See alumni network	See alumni network

*NOTE: Application deadlines and criteria are subject to change. Opportunities may be added, changed or canceled based on funding and/or sponsor requests. Please check with us or the Home Office website ([www.thefirsttee.org](http://www.thefirsttee.org)) periodically for complete and current information.*



## SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Each year The First Tee works with individuals, corporations and foundations to make available a variety of **Named Scholarships** to deserving The First Tee students.

To be eligible to apply for Named Scholarships, students must first apply and be selected to The First Tee Scholars Program.

- Scholar Program applications will be accepted through Feb 25. The 2019 class of The First Tee Scholars will be announced Mar 20, as will a list of available Named Scholarships.
- The new Scholars must then apply individually for any of those scholarships. The application period this year is Apr 12 through May 5. Recipients will be announced May 24.

### Criteria:

- Must be seniors in high school as of Dec 31, 2018
- Must score a minimum of 19 on the ACT and a minimum of 500 on both parts of the SAT.
- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale.
- Must be registered in The First Tee Participant Database for a minimum of three years, and at least at Birdie level at time of application deadline
- Evidence of leadership positions held
- Involvement in Chapter activities (e.g. volunteering, mentoring, etc.)
- Evidence of meaningful involvement in community/civic activities

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

John Deere Power for Good Scholarship. [*Chapter may nominate three.*] Participants will submit a written essay for the opportunity to win a \$5,000 college scholarship *plus the opportunity to be a VIP guest and pro-am participant at the John Deere Classic in Silvis, IL.* The essay should focus on how the students are a 'Power for Good' through service to their communities, schools, and/or neighborhoods. The essay should include a summary of the impact of their efforts and how their work is connected to the values learned through The First Tee and the game of golf.

Additional Criteria: Minimum 3.0 GPA; USGA handicap index of 18 or better



## COLLEGE/CAREER PREP & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

John Deere Drive Your Future Academy. [*Chapter may nominate two.*] This all-girls event will focus on leadership development, remaining active in the game of golf, learning the value/impact of volunteerism, and recognizing the importance of teamwork. Applicants will be asked to define the people or circumstances that 'drive' them to take on a position of leadership and describe how they plan to apply those principles in their life. *In addition, one girl selected for the Academy will be chosen to receive a \$5,000 college scholarship plus the opportunity to be a VIP guest and pro-am participant at the John Deere Classic in July 2019.*

Additional Criteria: USGA handicap index of 18 or better

Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy. [*Chapter may nominate three.*] Held this year at The First Tee of Idaho, the academy purpose is to develop and educate our participants in multiple aspects such as life skill development through engaging golf activities, college preparatory and dorm living, and career exploration, all while having the opportunity to play championship golf and develop lifelong friendships. Through the week, they are inspired to consider how they can return to their chapters and communities and be a leader and role model for other participants.

Additional Criteria: Applicants must reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first day of the Event; cannot be a full-time college student; **must provide a golf resume.**

Coca-Cola America's Future. Five participants will be selected for this opportunity to fly to Atlanta for four days, spend time at the Coca-Cola Company, visit attractions in the heart of downtown and attend the TOUR Championship. Those selected will be active in their community and local chapter, and must exhibit the core values of The First Tee in their everyday lives. *Throughout the week, the participants will meet with executives and take part in interviews to determine the winner of a \$5,000 scholarship; the four remaining runners-up will each receive a \$1,000.*

Additional Criteria: Must be a high school senior as of fall semester of 2019; GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).



## GOLF OPPORTUNITIES

Wells Fargo Succeeding Together Contest. This year, the Wells Fargo Succeeding Together contest is encouraging teenage participants of The First Tee to showcase how The First Tee Nine Core Values have helped them on their personal journey to become better students, better citizens, better golfers and better prepared for life.

- A panel of judges will select ten finalists and then ultimately four winners, each of whom will win a trip to the 2019 Wells Fargo Championship with one grand prize winner experiencing the thrill of playing golf with a PGA TOUR pro during the pro-am.
- Selected participants must be able to travel 4/29/2019 – 5/5/2019 (“Grand Prize”) or 5/3/2019 – 5/6/2019 (“First Prizes”). Do not enter this Contest if you are going to turn 19 before or during the travel dates above. with a parent, legal guardian or other designated individual 25 years of age or older.
- Finalist Prizes – Each of the ten Finalists will receive a \$500 cash prize.
- Grand Prize – The grand-prize winner of the Succeeding Together contest will receive a 4-day/3-night trip for two to Charlotte, North Carolina to play in the Wells Fargo Championship pro-am with a PGA TOUR pro as a guest of Wells Fargo. The winner will attend the pro-am draw party and have the opportunity to meet PGA TOUR pros, golf TV personalities, as well as attend the Wells Fargo Succeeding Together golf clinic.
- First Prize Winners – Three (3) first-prize winners will receive a 4-day/3-night trip for two to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the Wells Fargo Championship and experience up-close the excitement of a PGA TOUR event from inside the ropes during the exciting final rounds of the tournament.



## GOLF OPPORTUNITIES (cont'd)

IJGA Training Program. This week-long academy at the International Junior Golf Academy (IJGA) in Hilton Head, intended for players who want to improve their golf game and get a chance to interact with other TFT participants from around the country. Participants will be able to hone their golf skills with IJGA instructors, a team that includes collegiate coaches and golf professionals. Additionally, participants will get an opportunity to showcase their life skills throughout the week through interaction with other participants and instructors, dorm living, extracurricular activities and guest speakers.

Cost Info: IJGA offers The First Tee students a discounted registration fee of \$795, which the Chapter will reimburse (in part) from a dedicated fund following the event. The amount of reimbursement will depend on how many of our students attend.

Application: There is no application process through The First Tee for this Opportunity. Register directly with IJGA: [www.ijga.com](http://www.ijga.com).

Perfect Sense United Challenge. This will be a President's Cup team event with golfers from The First Tee paired as teammates with wounded veterans and Special Olympics golfers from around the country. In addition to playing two rounds of golf at some of the top courses in the nation's capital, golfers will also enjoy a welcome banquet, a career exploration day at Perfect Sense Digital, a tour of DC's monuments and museums, and a final send off at Top Golf!

Additional Criteria: Applicants must reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first day of the Event; cannot be a full-time college student; USGA handicap index of 10 or better for males, 12 or better for females.



## GOLF OPPORTUNITIES (cont'd)

Pure Insurance Championship. [*Chapter may nominate five.*] Our organization's premier event, this Championship showcases the best participants in The First Tee network. An official PGA TOUR Champions event at Pebble Beach Golf Links on the Monterey Peninsula, the tournament pairs one junior with a PGA TOUR Champions player and two amateurs. To be selected, juniors are measured in both golf proficiency and life skills knowledge. The tournament is televised nationally on Golf Channel.

The First Tee home office will select 81 juniors through the application process. Eight exemptions will still be awarded by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation.



Additional Criteria: High school seniors at the time of application are not eligible to apply as they will be full time college students at the date of the event; USGA handicap index of 6 or better for males, 8 or better for females.

### Selection Process and Application

- After the judging committee reviews the online applications, a phone and/or webcam interview with a participant may be necessary to make the final selections.
- An interview at the chapter PRIOR to sending in an application is a requirement that must be completed.
- EVERY element of the application will be stringently reviewed by the judging panel, so please be sure that each part of the application is thoroughly completed – including the Chapter Letter of Involvement Form.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that each applicant from your chapter is highly qualified and 100% ready to compete at Pebble Beach and represent The First Tee in front of an international audience. Players must be physically and mentally able to play up to 5-6 rounds in one week while carrying their own golf bag, while keeping pace of play according to the PGA TOUR Rules and Competitions guidelines. Players must have an updated and accurate USGA Handicap, please see strict eligibility requirements.

### Tournament Procedures

- Juniors will learn of the PGA TOUR Champions player with whom they are paired on Tuesday of tournament week. The pairings will be revealed at a very special pro-junior



mixer on Tuesday evening. This increases the opportunity for juniors to play one or even two practice rounds with their pro.

- **The tournament will no longer allow caddies for junior contestants.** This will assist with the pace of play, and provide juniors an opportunity to experience carrying their own bag as they would in other high-profile junior golf and college tournaments.
- Juniors who don't make the Sunday cut will have the opportunity to play in a competitive stroke play event at Poppy Hills Golf Course hosted by the Northern California Golf Association.

CoBank Peak Performers. This event provides participants the opportunity to play a round of golf with World Golf Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam at the world-renowned Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, CO. In addition to playing golf with Annika, participants will spend a day visiting some of Colorado's most famous landmarks in the Pikes Peak area including the United States Air Force Academy.

Additional Criteria: USGA Handicap of 12 or better for males and 15 or better for females.

### ALUMNI-ONLY OPPORTUNITIES

*Must be a registered member of the First Tee Alumni Network. Contact Chapter Staff to learn more.*

We encourage all graduating seniors as well as all past participants to join The First Tee Alumni Network. The Network is exclusively for past participants who are 18 years or older. There is no cost to become a member. Join and gain access to additional education, leadership, career and networking opportunities.

Opportunities are ever changing and can be found on [www.thefirsttee.org/get-involved/alumni/](http://www.thefirsttee.org/get-involved/alumni/)



## PAST NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

**The following are Named Scholarship that were available in the past. We do not know if these same are available this year. The list of opportunities will be available in the Spring of 2019 to the designated 2018-2019 Scholars Class of The First Tee.** The application period will be Mar 20 through May 6 at 11:59pm EST. Scholars interested in the following scholarships must review all eligibility requirements on the application before applying.

### **Peter A. Bonanni Scholarships**

The Peter A. Bonanni Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 by Times Mirror Magazine in memory of Peter A. Bonanni, the publisher for Golf Magazine. This scholarship fund provided to The First Tee, from The New York Community Trust-Peter A. Bonanni, are to be awarded to those families who have a demonstrated need for funding to pay for their children's college education. A scholarship of \$2500 will be awarded to two Scholars of The First Tee (a one-time payment).

### **The Mickey and Suzanne Carusillo Scholarships**

The Carusillo family believes that education is the key to growth and success. The First Tee Nine Core Values are the cornerstones to achieving that. The Mickey and Suzanne Carusillo Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2500 to one The First Tee Scholar (a one-time payment).

### **David B. Epstein Memorial Scholarships**

Mr. Epstein was a Trustee of The First Tee and had a deep affection for the organization and a passion for the game of golf. His family has chosen to preserve his legacy by funding college scholarships through The First Tee. There are currently six Scholars supported by the David B. Epstein Memorial Scholarships each receiving \$4,000 a year for four years (a total of \$16,000 per recipient).



## PAST NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS (cont'd)

### **Kasserian Ingera Scholarships**

At The First Tee we place great value on the well-being of the young people we serve. To this point, we are very much like the Maasai tribe from Kenya. The traditional greeting passed between Maasai warriors is: "Kasserian Ingera," which means "And how are the children?" The traditional response is, "The children are well," meaning life is good, that peace and safety prevail and the priorities of protecting the young and the powerless are in place. The Maasai society has not forgotten its reason for being and its responsibilities to its young people – nor have we at The First Tee. The First Tee Scholarship Fund, "Kasserian Ingera", which consists of donations from The First Tee Home Office Staff and other scholarship donors, will provide a scholarship(s) to a participant(s) to help fund their education after high school (college, community college, or vocational school). The amount of this scholarship varies annually based on the amount raised. Children represent 100% of our future!

### **MacKenzie Family Scholarships**

Mr. Doug MacKenzie and his family are passionate about assisting The First Tee in its quest to impact young people. Their funds will provide six scholarships valued at \$11,000 each to be disbursed over four years (\$2,750/year). Recipients will be selected based upon their overall Scholars application score.

### **Whitney Family Scholarships**

Mr. Kenneth Whitney, Trustee of The First Tee, values the institution of higher education. He has generously chosen to support The Scholars Program to assist deserving youth and their families with the financial burden of attending college. Eight deserving teens will be selected to receive the Whitney Family Scholarships over a period of four years: Three Scholars will receive \$5,000 per year for four years (\$20,000 total) and five Scholars will receive \$1,000 per year for four years (\$4,000 total). The Whitney Family Scholarships are need-based and require the submission of financial documents (see online application guidelines). Designated Scholars from the Northeast, Southeast and West Regions will be considered.