



BERKS COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

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INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

The Berks County Golf Association Scholarship award is granted annually through the BCGA. The BCGA Scholarship Committee considers numerous factors in determining our scholarship recipients. These include, but are not limited to:

Academics, character, leadership and service, golfing accomplishments, participation in our BCGA events, letters of recommendation, application information, financial need and acceptance into a post-secondary institution.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- High school seniors or current college undergraduate students are eligible. Club affiliation is NOT a factor.
- Applicant must be a resident of Berks County or parent(s)/guardian must be a member of a BCGA Member Club (Full or Associate)
- Applicant must have a high school or college cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must have played regularly on their high school golf team's scheduled events.
- Applicants must demonstrate leadership skills and/or community service work.
- Applicants demonstrated financial need will be considered.
- Applicant must have applied to and been accepted into an accredited four-year, two-year or PGM academic program

AWARDS/RENEWALS:

Awards become effective with the fall semester of the year the award is made. Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500. Funds are applied to educational expenses, including tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Checks will be made payable to the student upon receipt of college/university Enrollment Certification form.

Scholarship awarded can be renewable for up to four years, or until the bachelor's degree is earned, which ever is earlier. Renewal forms and instructions will be mailed to recipients from the BCGA Scholarship Committee. Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Distribution will be no later than Oct 1st, after receipt of grades and enrollment status.

In the event of serious malfeasance, breach of traditional conduct, or conduct involving moral turpitude, a scholarship may be terminated at any time within the discretion of the BCGA, whose decisions are final.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

All applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed BCGA Scholarship Application Form.
2. Letter of Application/Essay: Each application must be accompanied by a letter from the applicant, outlining, (1) academic achievements, leadership and/or community service work and (2) golf experience (how golf has been an integral part of your life). The Scholarship Committee is also interested in the applicant's background and career objectives. This letter should include the applicant's personal and professional (academic) goals and how this scholarship will be of assistance. *(Letter must be between one to two typed page, size 11 font, single-spaced)*
3. Transcripts: Each applicant must submit (1) an 'Official High School Transcript' (through the last marking period) and (2) either the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT-1) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) score(s) from the spring of their junior year or fall/winter of their senior year of high school. If currently in college, submit an 'Official College Transcript' following the Spring semester.
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation are required to support the application. Letters from the following individuals must accompany the completed application form.
 - a. Golf related (ie. High school coach or golf course/club junior golf program director or instructor)
 - b. High school teacher, counselor or principal or college professor.
 - c. Local community representative or business leader. (this individual may not be related to the applicant)
5. A copy of their official Student Aid Report (SAR) listing their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This report is based on the processing results of your completed **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** form. The deadline for filing the FAFSA for Pennsylvania is May 1st. If you have not done so, please apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or call 1-800-433-3243.
NOTE: Mailing the FAFSA form usually takes 4-6 weeks for processing. Online submission is much quicker.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

DEADLINE FOR 2010 APPLICATION – JUNE 15TH



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APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly the following information.

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Social Security Number	
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Home Address	City		State	Zip
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Telephone Number	Birth Date			
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Home Golf Course/Club	Telephone Number			
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Full Address of Golf Course/Club	City		State	Zip
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Mother/Guardian Name				
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Business Address	City		State	Zip
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Business Telephone Number				
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Father/Guardian Name				
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Business Address	City		State	Zip
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Business Telephone Number				
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Give the name and address of colleges/universities to which you have applied for admission and indicate whether or not you have been accepted.

1. _____ Yes ___ No ___ Not Yet ___
2. _____ Yes ___ No ___ Not Yet ___
3. _____ Yes ___ No ___ Not Yet ___
4. _____ Yes ___ No ___ Not Yet ___
5. _____ Yes ___ No ___ Not Yet ___

Indicate the degree/discipline you intend to pursue: _____

List the High School(s) and College(s) attended.

<u>Name & Address of School</u>	<u>Date Entered</u>	<u># of Years Attended</u>	<u>Graduation Date*</u>
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* If pending, please indicate the date you expect to graduate

What special awards or recognition have you received?

List activities in which you have taken part as a representative of your school, or offices you have held in student organizations. Comment on any special achievements, awards or recognition you have received.

List community or other organizations not connected with golf or school, in which you have been active and indicate any positions you have held.

List your hobbies and/or work experience.

Briefly describe your golf related experiences.

Include your golfing resumé with this application.

Have you received other scholarship awards? Yes _____ No _____
If Yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Scholarship	Amount of the award	One year or Renewable
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**Attach any additional scholarships.

The information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send all application information to:

BCGA Scholarship Committee
c/o Jason Arnold
439 East Wesner Rd
Blandon, PA 19510



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

How long have you known the Applicant and in what capacity? _____

Please rate the applicant by checking () the appropriate boxes below to best describe his/her characteristics.
N/A=inadequate opportunity to observe, 5=outstanding, 4=above average, 3=average, 2=below average, 1=poor.

	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Personal Initiative						
Communication Skills						
Leadership Skills						
Maturity						
Organizational Skills						
Teamwork Skills						
Work/ Study Habits						
Motivation						
Overall Golf Ability						

Other Comments: _____

Your Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

Signature

Date

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