



THE FIRST TEE 2016 PARTICIPANT OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to corporate partners and generous donors, The First Tee Home Office is able to offer a variety of educational and leadership opportunities for participants each year. These awards and events often become life-changing experiences for The First Tee students as they further develop an awareness of possibilities that surround them.

Most of the opportunities have a selection process that includes an application reviewed by a committee. Except for A/B Honor Roll, participants must be high school age to apply and in some cases, a specific age or grade is required.

This Guide has been developed by TFT-GCNKY to summarize available opportunities and provide descriptions, timing, eligibility and other pertinent information about each.

Parents should review the summaries with their student, then contact our Chapter Program Director Todd Kyper or Coach Melissa Briner to learn more and/or begin the application process.

Note that applications for all TFT Home Office Opportunities must now be submitted via an online application website by the applicants. (Mailed or emailed applications are no longer accepted.) To apply you will need to obtain a URL and login, and in some cases an accompanying form, from the Chapter.





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See page	Event	Event Date	Location	Application Released	Postmark/ Deadline	Selections Announced
	ACADEMIC					
3	A/B Honor Roll	Spring & Fall semesters	N/A	N/A	Report cards due: Jul 15 (Spring) Jan 20, 2017 (Fall)	N/A
3	The Scholars Program	N/A	N/A	Jan 13	Feb 26	Mar 23
3	Scholarships*	N/A	N/A	Mar 23	Apr 22	May 18
	COLLEGE/CAREER PREP					
4	Life Skills & Leadership Academy	Jul 6-12	Blaine, MN	Feb 10	Apr 8	May 18
4	Coca-Cola America's Future	Sep 21-24	Atlanta, GA	May 18	Jul 15	Aug 10
5	John Deere Careers on Course Academy	Oct 13-16	Cary, NC	May 18	Jul 15	Aug 10
	GOLF					
5	IJGA Training Program	Jun 12-18	Bluffton, SC	Feb 10	Mar 25	Apr 20
6	College Golf Prep Academy**	Jul 20-27	Reno, NV	Feb 10	Apr 8	May 18
6	Wells Fargo Succeeding Together	May 2-8	Charlotte, NC	Feb 10	Mar 11	Mid-April
7	Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach	Sep 13-18	Pebble Beach, CA	Feb 10	May 6	Jul 6
7	The First Tee Par-3 Championship	June 21-26	Richmond, VA	Feb 10	Mar 25	Apr 20
	SPECIAL RECOGNITION					
8	PwC Executive Forum*	May 10-15	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	By invitation only for TFT Scholars		

* These Opportunities are available only to The First Tee Scholars. If you are a high school senior interested in pursuing academic scholarships, apply to the 2015-2016 Scholars Program between Jan 13 and Feb 26, 2016.

**Formerly known as the PLAYer Advanced Academy

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) periodically for complete and current information.

Our Chapter programming staff can also answer questions and provide assistance. Contact...

- Program Director Todd Kyper, (513) 370-4800; todd@thefirstteeqcnky.com
- Head Coach Melissa Briner, (513) 315-2988; melissajbriner@gmail.com



Academic Opportunities

A/B Honor Roll. The First Tee students who have earned all As and Bs on their report cards are recognized for outstanding academic achievement on our website. They also receive a letter of congratulations that typically includes a special bonus from the Chapter's ABHR sponsor.

To be eligible, simply submit a copy of your child's report card to Chapter Admin Amy Miller, amy@thefirstteegcnky.com. Deadlines:

- July 15 for Spring 2016 semester; Jan 20, 2017 for Fall 2016 semester

Scholars Program. Each year The First Tee works with individuals, corporations and foundations to make available a variety of **named academic scholarships** to deserving The First Tee students. To be eligible to apply for these scholarships, students must first apply and be selected to The First Tee Scholars Program.

Applications are accepted only once a year—this year, the window is from Jan 13 through Feb 26. The new class of The First Tee Scholars will be announced Mar 23, as will the list of 2016 named academic scholarships.

Those selected will then be eligible to apply individually for any of the named scholarships offered. They also will automatically be considered for an Kasserian Ingera Scholarship, which is funded annually through The First Tee Staff Giving Campaign. Additionally, TFT Scholars may be invited to attend the PwC Executive Forum (see page 7).

Criteria:

Academic

- *Must be seniors in high school as of Dec 31, 2015*
- *Must score a minimum of 19 on the ACT and a minimum of 470 on all three parts of the SAT; proof of scores required.*
- *Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale; transcripts required.*

The First Tee Participation

- *Must be registered in The First Tee Participant Database as at least Birdie level in the Life Skills Experience as of Dec 31, 2015*
- *Must be registered and active in their Chapter*



The remaining Opportunities have these eligibility requirements in common:

- *Must be in the 14-18 age range.*
- *Must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2016. [Some exceptions apply; see criteria for Coca Cola's–America's Future, Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, and PwC Executive Business Forum.]*
- *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.*

COLLEGE/CAREER PREP OPPORTUNITIES

Life Skills & Leadership Academy. Selected participants spend a week on a university campus where they play golf, participate in life skills activities and career exploration, experience dorm living and meet a wide variety of young people from around the country. The overall purpose of the Academy is to provide participants with valuable character education and leadership instruction.

Criteria:

- *Each chapter may nominate up to three participants*

Coca-Cola America's Future. The Coca-Cola Company supports The First Tee by offering five participants annually the chance to experience working at one of the largest corporations in the world. Five semifinalists are selected from an application process to spend two days in the heart of downtown Atlanta visiting the Coca-Cola campus, attending a new-hire training, meeting with executives, and taking part in interviews to determine the winner of a \$5,000 scholarship. Four runners-up each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The semifinalists also attend THE TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola.

Criteria:

- *Classified as a high school senior as of fall semester of the 2016*
- *Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale**



COLLEGE/CAREER PREP OPPORTUNITIES (cont'd)

John Deere Careers on Course Academy. The John Deere Careers on Course Academy is a three-day experience that will include a tour of the John Deere Turf Care headquarters in Cary, NC, extra-curricular activities in the triangle area and a college experience while staying on Duke University's campus.

This event allows participants to explore those different careers by interacting with professionals in each segment: coaching, turf management, tournament operations, golf course management and golf course operations, and partaking in interactive activities that would simulate the day-to-day duties of those professions.

Criteria:

- *A maximum of 24 participants will be selected from the chapter network.*
- *Participants must submit online applications by the set deadline.*
- *Applications will require participants to submit essays, activities chart and a chapter letter of recommendation.*

GOLF OPPORTUNITIES

The First Tee IJGA Training Program. Each year, The First Tee selects approximately 50 participants to attend the International Junior Golf Academy near Hilton Head Island, SC, for a week of comprehensive golf instruction, playing opportunities, mental and fitness training, college placement sessions, and aspects of The First Tee Life Skills curriculum.

Criteria:

- *Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 12 or better for males and 15 or better for females*
- *Each chapter may nominate up to four participants for the IJGA Training Program*



GOLF OPPORTUNITIES (cont'd)

College Golf Prep Academy. This Academy is intended for advanced players within the network pursuing collegiate golf. 20-25 elite participants from The First Tee chapters will be selected to attend. Student eligibility is at a high standard. The purpose of the Academy is to create an experience rich in both golf and life skills learning that will improve the participants' chances to compete at a higher level athletically and academically while stressing the overarching concept that continuous learning is the foundation to becoming an elite player of the games of golf and life.

Criteria:

- *Each chapter may nominate up to two participants*

Wells Fargo Succeeding Together. This essay contest opportunity encourages teenage participants to showcase the importance of having and being part of a "Go-To Team." Contest entry requires submission of two essays, an application, a photo and a release form.

Top four winners will earn a trip and "inside-the-ropes" access to the PGA Tour Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, NC. The grand prize winner will also experience the thrill of playing in the pro-am with the PGA Tour player of their choice. All ten finalists will receive \$500 Wells Fargo gift cards. Visit www.succeedingtogether.org for info and to apply. Please consult Todd Kyper prior to submission.

Criteria:

- *Chapters may submit an unlimited amount of applications*



GOLF OPPORTUNITIES (cont'd)

Nature Valley First Tee Open. The Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach is a 54-hole golf event, the first of its kind, featuring 81 Champions Tour players and 81 junior golfers, ages 15-18, selected from chapters of The First Tee.

In addition to the Champions Tour players and juniors, 162 amateurs complete the field. Two of the Monterey Peninsula's most challenging and famous golf courses serve as the venue for the tournament, with play rotating between Pebble Beach Golf Links and Del Monte Golf Course on Friday and Saturday. The final round is held at Pebble Beach Golf Links.

The Tournament is televised nationally on Golf Channel.

Criteria:

- *Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of fall semester 2016. 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.*
- *Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 6 or better for males and 8 or better for females*
- *Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach*

The First Tee Par-3 Championship. Each TFT chapter may nominate two players (one boy and one girl) for this event in Richmond, VA. The tournament begins with a 36-hole stroke play competition, with boys and girls competing separately to advance to an 18-hole The First Tee Par 3 Championship Territory Cup final, played in a modified Ryder Cup format by two teams—representing TFT's East and West Territories.

Criteria:

- *Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 8 or better for males and 10 or better for females*
- *Each chapter may nominate up to 2 participants – one male and one female. Chapters may not submit two participants of the same gender.*



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

PwC Executive Business Forum. This is an invitation-only opportunity for The First Tee Scholars during their freshman year in college. The Scholars are invited by PwC to attend an executive business forum during THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

The Scholars are selected by PwC based on their college major or interest in business management, economics, finance and accounting. The Scholars spend three days interacting with global business leaders and attending sessions on risk management, corporate social responsibility and corporate governance. Two of the Scholars address the corporate attendees during one of the formal gatherings.

Criteria:

- *This opportunity is limited to The First Tee Alumni who are freshmen in college at the time of application deadline*
- *In early spring 2016, The First Tee Alumni who are freshmen in college will be contacted directly by the home office with details regarding the event and how to apply*
- *In order to apply, you must be majoring in one of the following subjects: Accounting, Finance, Business, Marketing or Economics*
- *Participants are selected by the home office and must be available to travel to Ponte Vedra during the week of May 9-12. The event takes place in conjunction with THE PLAYERS Championship, an official PGA TOUR event.*