



2020

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 ext 1; jeanne@thefirstteegcnky.org

Jeanne will work closely with staff, 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 event 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 2020. (Some exceptions apply.)*
- *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.*

Additional criteria are noted in the Opportunity descriptions.



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2020 Participant Opportunities Schedule					
Event	Date	Location	Application Released	Deadline	Field Announcement
Wells Fargo Succeeding Together Contest	April 28-May 4, 2020	Charlotte, NC	1/14/2020	3/3/2020	3/24/2020
John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)	June 8-12, 2020	San Francisco, CA	1/28/2020	3/30/2020	4/28/2020
First Tee National Championship	June 21-26, 2020	Clemson, SC	1/28/2020	3/30/2020	4/28/2020
Perfect Sense Unified Challenge	June 22-26, 2020	Washington, D.C.	1/28/2020	3/30/2020	4/28/2020
John Deere Power for Good Scholarship Contest	July 5-10, 2020	Silvis, IL	1/28/2020	3/30/2020	4/28/2020
Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy	July 15-21, 2020	Boise, ID	2/25/2020	4/27/2020	5/26/2020
Coca-Cola America's Future	August 26-29, 2020	Atlanta, GA	4/28/2020	6/29/2020	7/28/2020
PURE Insurance Championship	September 15-21, 2020	Pebble Beach, CA	2/25/2020	4/27/2020	Early July
Youth Leadership Summit	November 18-21, 2020	San Diego, CA	6/23/2020	8/24/2020	9/22/2020

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.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This new program will take place of the Scholars Program. More information to come this spring.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

John Deere Power for Good Scholarship. [*Chapter may nominate two.*] 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 – Girls Only. [*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. The academy will take place in the city of San Francisco, where participants will be immersed in both its historic and modern culture.

Additional Criteria: USGA handicap index of 24 or better

Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy. [*Chapter may nominate three.*] Participants selected to attend the Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills and Leadership Academy will have the opportunity to further strengthen and develop their leadership skill in various methods. They will be encouraged to develop their leadership qualities and skill set



through engaging workshops, panel discussions/seminars, and volunteer opportunities. There will also be several opportunities to participate in exciting team building activities in downtown Boise and on-campus at Boise State University. In addition, participants will improve their life skill development through engaging golf activities and have the opportunity to play at championship caliber golf courses. Throughout the week, participants are inspired to return to their chapters and communities as an elite leader and role model.

Additional Criteria: Must provide a golf resume.

Coca-Cola America's Future. *[Chapter may nominate two.]* This event provides five participants a once in a lifetime experience in the city of Atlanta. Selected participants will engage in a customized guided tour at Coca-Cola Headquarters, Networking opportunity with a young professional panel, VIP experience at the TOUR Championship, and have a chance to visit attractions in the heart of downtown. Participants who are chosen for this opportunity should 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, 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 scholarship.**

Additional Criteria: Must be a high school senior as of fall semester of 2020; GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

*New - Youth Leadership Summit. *[Chapter may nominate two.]* The Youth Leadership Summit recognizes exemplary achievement by a young person currently involved in First Tee programming. Participants will be evaluated in the areas of academic achievement, community service, chapter involvement, leadership, short essay responses and letters of recommendation. This is an interactive and educational summit in which participants will have the opportunity to develop plans for leading a meaningful service project in their communities focusing on raising awareness on global issues. Participants who are selected to attend the Youth Leadership Summit will have the opportunity to learn from and work with Global Citizen Year fellows in order to apply the skills and concepts learned at the three-day summit and become social change leaders.

Additional Criteria: Must be grade 9-11 as of Spring 2020.



GOLF OPPORTUNITIES

Wells Fargo Succeeding Together Contest. *[Chapter may nominate two.]* This year, the Wells Fargo Succeeding Together contest is encouraging First Tee participants to showcase how the core values have helped them on their personal journey to become better students, better citizens, better golfers and better prepared for life. Ten finalists will be chosen and then ultimately four winners, each of whom will win a trip to the 2020 Wells Fargo Championship with one grand prize winner experiencing the thrill of playing golf with a PGA TOUR pro during the pro-am.

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- 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.

Additional Criteria: USGA handicap index of 18 or better

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.

Perfect Sense United Challenge. [*Chapter may nominate two.*] The Unified Challenge will be a President's Cup team event with golfers from 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, a tour of DC's monuments and museums, and a final send off at Top Golf!

Additional Criteria: USGA handicap index of 12 or better for males, 14 or better for females.

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 78 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

- 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.
- 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 does not 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 participate in a scavenger hunt that is designed to follow play and cheer on your fellow participants.

****NEW - The First Tee National Championship.** The first-ever First Tee National Championship will be held June 21-26, 2020 at Clemson University, bringing together First Tee's elite players for an opportunity to showcase how the program has helped build the strength of character needed to play at the collegiate or next level. The winners of each male/female division will be awarded with the Tattersall Cup named after First Tee Trustee, Fred Tattersall. Each winner will earn an exemption into the PGA TOUR Champions' PURE Insurance Championship Impacting the First Tee at Pebble Beach Golf Links on September 18-20, 2020.

"We are excited to announce the First Tee National Championship and play our inaugural event at Clemson University," said Greg McLaughlin, First Tee president. "Our goal is to provide each participant with a college-level experience both on and off the golf course. We are thankful to longtime First Tee supporter Fred Tattersall for creating this opportunity for the young people in our chapter network."

First Tee National Championship will be a 54-hole stroke-play event at Clemson University's The Walker Course, featuring a Girls and Boys division for 72 high school participants ages 14-19. Participants will have the opportunity to take in the "college



experience” including dorm-living, an official Clemson University campus tour and dinner at the West End Zone Club of the football team’s Memorial Stadium.

Applications will open to participants on Jan. 28 for a nominal fee. Selected applicants will receive entrance into the tournament and will be provided lodging and meals during tournament days.

Additional Criteria:

- Applicants will be selected solely off of their golf ability. The selection committee will select participants based off the prioritized criteria below:
 - Rolex AJGA Ranking, Junior Golf Scoreboard Ranking, Golfweek/Sagarin Junior Ranking
- Following this process, the remaining applicants will be selected based off their golf resume
- An emphasis will be placed on their competitive golf experience (national, regional, state, local tournaments)
- The applicant’s handicap will be evaluated and those remaining spots will be filled with the player who has the lowest GHIN handicap (note: the handicap must be active with the USGA Handicapping system)