



Eligibility Criteria for 2021 Participant Opportunities

Involvement in First Tee provides unique opportunities for teens. These opportunities have been created to recognize various achievements through life skills, golf skills, and education. Modifications have been made throughout the past several years to encourage teenage retention and progression among the chapter network. We encourage chapters to have the participants applying for these national opportunities reflect the diversity (age, ethnicity, gender, etc.) of the chapter.

Below you will find the requirements that are unique to each of the 2021 Participant Opportunities. In order to be eligible to apply, an applicant must meet ALL of the requirements specific to that event.

John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)

Date: June 5-9; San Francisco, CA

Selection: 24 female participants

- This event is open to female participants only
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2021
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 24 or better
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants
 - ** Chapters with 100+ active participants at Birdie level or higher recorded in Salesforce as of 12/31/19 or 12/31/20 may nominate up to **four** participants **

First Tee National Championship

Date: June 20-25; Clemson, SC

Selection: Up to 72 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of spring semester 2021
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- 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)
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the First Tee National Championship
- Selected participants will need to pay a \$100 tournament fee
- Participant travel will not be reimbursed by First Tee headquarters

John Deere Power for Good Scholarship Contest

Date: July 5-9; Silvis, IL

Selection: 3 participants

- Minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2021
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

First Tee Game Changers Academy Honoring Joe Louis Barrow, Jr.

Date: July 20-24; Philadelphia, PA

Selection: 96 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2021
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the Life Skills and Leadership Academy previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to **three** participants

** Chapters with 100+ active participants at Birdie level or higher recorded in Salesforce as of 12/31/19 or 12/31/20 may nominate up to **five** participants **



First Tee Leadership Summit in Partnership with PGA TOUR Superstore

Date: August 2-6 and August 9-13; Emigrant, Montana

Selection: 20 participants per week

- Participants must be from a First Tee chapter that is in a PGA TOUR Superstore market
- Participants must have completed the 5-week First Tee Leadership Series in their local chapter/store market.
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2021
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of one year
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Montana on 8/2/2021 – 8/6/2021 and 8/9/2021 – 8/13/2021.
- Each chapter may nominate up to three participants in total.

Coca-Cola - America's Future (Event is not confirmed and may not be offered in 2021)

Date: September 1-4; Atlanta, GA

Selection: 5 participants

- Classified as a high school senior as of fall semester 2021
- Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale*
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

PURE Insurance Championship

Date: September 21-26; Pebble Beach, CA

Selection: 78 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of fall semester 2021. (High school seniors at the time of application deadline are not eligible to apply, as they will be full-time college students or 19 years old at the date of the event.)
 - ****Due to First Tee participants being unable to participate in the 2020 PURE Insurance Championship, participants who applied for the 2020 opportunity and will graduate high school in the Spring of 2021 will be eligible to participate in the PURE Insurance Championship. This provision will be allowed ONLY for 2021 and is not a permanent change in the eligibility requirements.****
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years



- Must be at Birdie level or higher at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Competitive Golf Ability – must have a USGA handicap of 6 or better for males and 8 or better for females
- Players must be physically and mentally able to play up to 5 rounds in one week, while walking, carrying their own bag, and keeping pace of play according to the PGA TOUR Rules and Competitions guidelines
- Participants who previously attended the event are not eligible
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the PURE Insurance Championship

First Tee Innovators Forum

Date: October 8-11; San Jose, CA

Selection: 28 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event)
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore or junior as of spring semester 2021 (high school seniors are not eligible to apply)
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Prior attendees of the Outstanding Participant Leadership Summit are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants
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