



2021 First Tee Innovators Forum Application

Application Deadline: June 8, 2021

Overview:

In an increasingly interconnected world, the choices we make locally have significant global implications. The First Tee Innovators Forum sets to empower First Tee teens to develop a meaningful service project in their communities focusing on raising awareness on global issues focusing on education, health, and sustainability. Selected participants will have the opportunity to learn from global industry leaders through interactive workshops and small group breakout sessions.

At the end of the forum, a total of \$32,000 will be awarded to 8 participants to further their educational pursuits. By bringing together exemplary participants across the chapter network, the First Tee Innovators Forum provides a distinctive educational experience, one geared towards their need for peers who share a similar passion for learning and creating an opportunity for them to create change in their communities.

Participant Selection:

Up to 28 participants from First Tee will be chosen to attend the Forum based on the process laid out in the following pages.

Eligibility Requirements:

For participants of the First Tee to be eligible for the First Tee Innovators Forum, they must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- 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
 - ** 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 three participants **

Application Process:

Applications will be submitted online at <https://firsttee.smapply.org>; please follow the instructions in the "Quick Start Guide" on how to complete this process. Please contact your chapter representative if you have difficulty with the application process. The online application will consist of the following:

- Application Code
- Participant General Information and Family/Medical Information Form
- School & Community Activities Chart, & Four (4) Short Answer Essays
- Chapter Participation Survey (to be completed by a chapter representative and uploaded by the participant)
- Letter of Recommendation
- Headshot
- Participant Bio Form
- First Tee COVID Protocol Form
- Social Media, Code of Conduct and Model Release Form



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- Liability Form

Below is a copy of the application you will need to complete online; please refer to the application below to make sure that you have ALL of the information you need to complete your application online. Online application MUST be submitted by the First Tee participant. The First Tee will NOT accept correspondence from families of participants. The deadline to apply online is June 8, 2021.

COVID-19 Protocols:

- Please refer to First Tee headquarter COVID protocol document below (must be signed by participant and parent).

Selection Process:

Following the closing date of June 8, 2021, a judging committee made up of First Tee headquarter and chapter staff will review the above items and identify the 28 candidates that will be invited to the Innovators Forum by assigning point values to the categories. Participants will be notified on forum selections by August 24, 2021.

Air Transportation and Lodging:

First Tee headquarters will reimburse each forum attendee's chapter \$350 per domestic round-trip ticket. Each chapter/participant is responsible for booking his/her own airfare by the posted deadline. If a participant withdraws from the summit due to COVID protocols set by First Tee headquarters, the chapter will still be reimbursed for the ticket. All ground transportation, lodging and meals will be provided for the duration of the program.

Questions: For questions regarding the First Tee Innovators Forum, please contact Brandon Luna at brandonluna@firsttee.org or 904-940-4311.



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GENERAL INFORMATION FORM		
Participant Name (First and Last):		
Chapter:		
Participant E-Mail:		Participant Cell #:
Current Home Address:		Home #:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Parent/Guardian #1 Full Name:		Parent/Guardian #2 Full Name:
Parent/Guardian #1 Full E-Mail:		Parent/Guardian #2 E-Mail:
Parent/Guardian #1 Cell #:		Parent/Guardian #2 Cell #:
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):		Age as of Date of Event :
School Grade Level: 2020-2021 School Year : <i>High School</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		High School or College Grade Point Average (based on a 4.0 scale):
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Are you a current member, or a past member, of LPGA-USGA Girls Golf? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Ethnic Background: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino/a <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Native Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Racial		Shirt Size: <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Small <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Large <input type="checkbox"/> XXL
Years playing golf:	USGA GHIN # (if none, "N/A"):	USGA Handicap:
Chapter Contact Full Name:		Chapter Contact E-Mail:



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FAMILY INFORMATION FORM		
Parent/Guardian #1 Full Name:		Parent/Guardian #2 Full Name:
Parent/Guardian Permanent, Legal Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Parent/Guardian #1 Employer:		
Parent/Guardian #1 Occupation:		Phone #:
Parent/Guardian #2 Employer:		
Parent/Guardian #2 Occupation:		Phone #:
MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM		
Is participant covered by insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Military or Medicaid? <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid
Insurance Company Name:		Policy Number:
Type of Coverage (Check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Major Medical		
Does the participant have any physical condition or handicap that requires special medical treatment, diet or other consideration? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, please explain:
Does the participant have any allergies (food, drugs, stings, pollens, etc.)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, please explain:
Does the participant take any medication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, please list:
Please list any previous illnesses or surgery:		Age as of Date of Event :
I authorize First Tee and its affiliates to provide medical treatment and other necessary medical services for my child during the entire period that he/she is a participant at a national participant opportunity. I affirm that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.		
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:
Participant Signature:		Date:



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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHART			
Please complete the chart below; more space will be available when completing this section online.			
A. Extracurricular & School Activities	Dates (From – To)	Responsibilities	Accomplishments
<i>Example: Golf Club</i>	<i>Jan 2019 – Present</i>	<i>Organized play dates</i>	<i>Club President</i>
B. Community & Volunteer Service	Dates (From – To)	Responsibilities	Accomplishments
C. Awards & Recognition	Dates (From – To)	Responsibilities	Accomplishments
D. Work for Pay	Dates (From – To)	Responsibilities	Accomplishments



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Chapter Participation Survey

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN: The following form is to be completed by a chapter coach, program or executive director for each participant applying for a First Tee national opportunity. It is the participant's responsibility to make sure this is filled out and signed, and then uploaded to their online application. The same form can be used for multiple opportunities in the same year.

This form is a vital part of the criteria evaluated for national participant opportunities. Please complete it thoughtfully. You can type directly onto this form, or attach a separate typed page with numbered answers.

Participant Name and Chapter:	
1. How many years has this participant been involved with your chapter?	
2. Please provide examples of how your participant has been engaged (with others, as a representative, or as a leader) at your chapter within the past three years.	
3. Please explain why you feel this participant should be selected for a national opportunity.	
4. (Optional) Is there any additional information that you would like to add about this participant that has not been covered by the questions above?	
By signing below, I acknowledge that I am fully aware of and understand that if the participant recommended above does not follow the Code of Conduct at the corresponding participant opportunity and is sent home early, the Chapter will be responsible for any additional airfare fees incurred.	
Name of chapter representative:	
Signature:	
Position at Chapter:	E-mail address:
Date:	Phone Number:



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SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS

Answer ALL of the following questions. Please use the space provided below (more space will be available when completing this section online). Your response must be 300 words or less per question.

1. What leadership qualities have you developed through your participation in First Tee?
2. Describe an aspect of a volunteer experience that you've really enjoyed, and a part that you wish had been different?
3. If you were able to address any issue that you are passionate about (i.e. education, healthcare, human rights, environmental sustainability) in your local community, what would it be and how you go about making change?
4. How would you motivate others to become involved in community service? What would you say to them?



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach one letter of recommendation from ONE of the following explaining why you should be selected for a National Participant Opportunity. Please choose from one of the following:

- Adult mentor
- Teacher
- School Administrator

Participant Headshot

Please upload your photo. Here are some important tips to follow when submitting a quality headshot:

- Look for bright lighting and a "nice" background – i.e. golf setting or outdoors
- Photo should not include other people, signs in the background, or logos on your clothing other than those of The First Tee (optional)
- No hats
- No selfies
- Remember to smile



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PARTICIPANT BIO FORM

Once again, we have included the Participant Bio Form as part of the initial application. The purpose of this form is to gather information and identify story ideas. Please be thoughtful and complete with your answers as these responses will be shared with the media. Note that it will serve for background information purposes only and will NOT be scored by the judging committee. **BELOW, PLEASE USE THE NAME YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPEAR ON ALL SUBJECT MATTER (I.E. BILLY INSTEAD OF WILLIAM)**

1. First & Last Name:	2. Chapter:
3. City, State:	4. Age:
5. School Name:	6. Grade Level: (2020-2021 School Year and 2021-2022):
7. Please list your future aspirations and the goals you've set to attain them (150 word count)	
8. What accomplishments are you most proud of on and off outside the golf course?: (150 words)	
9. How has First Tee helped equip you to take on new experiences and challenges? (150 words)	
10. When I'm not playing golf, I also enjoy (for example: extra-curricular activities, community service, other sports, hobbies, etc.): (100 words)	
11. Tell us a fun fact about yourself? (50 word limit)	
12. Twitter Handle: Instagram:	
13. Answers from your short essays and bio form may be provided to the media for promotional use. If there is anything listed in your application that you do not want to be shared publicly, please indicate which questions below. (This will not affect your score)	



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The First Tee Model Release (For use with minors)

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign, authorize, give and grant to PGA TOUR First Tee Foundation, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, together with its affiliates, successors, assigns, sponsors, licensees and/or sublicensees (collectively, "TFT"), the unrestricted right and permission to copyright, exploit, use, re-use, publish, republish, and/or sublicense all and any photographic portraits and/or pictures, and all and any audio and/or video images or clips (each, an "Image," and collectively, the "Images"), in whole or in part, of the below named minor (the "Model") in which the Model may be included, in whole or in part, whether composite or distorted in character or form, in color or black and white, made through any media now or hereafter known for illustration, art, promotion, advertising, trade, or any other purpose whatsoever at any time, by, or on behalf of TFT, including without limitation the use of any printed matter in conjunction with such Image(s). I acknowledge and agree that TFT may, without prior consent or approval, assign this Model Release (this "Release"), together with its rights hereunder, to any party acquiring all or substantially all of its assets.

I warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Model named below and I have the authority to execute this Release on his or her behalf.

I hereby agree that the terms and conditions of this Release shall also fully apply to me as a model in the event that I appear, in whole or in part, in any of the Images or media related thereto.

I hereby waive and relinquish all and any right to examine, inspect and/or approve the Images, advertising copy and/or printed and/or digital matter that may be used in conjunction with or contain such Images, or to the eventual use that such Images may be applied.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless TFT and its agents, consultants, employees, independent contractors and other representatives from and against all any claims, damages, expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees) and liability (collectively, "Claims") arising out of or relating to the Image(s), including, without limitation, any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use of such Image(s) in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of said Image(s) or in any subsequent processing thereof, as well as any publication thereof, including, without limitation, Claims for libel or invasion of privacy.

I have read the above authorization, release and agreement, and I fully understand the contents thereof. This Release shall be binding upon me, the Model and our respective assigns, heirs and legal representatives.

MODEL:

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

Print Name:

Signature:

Print Name:

Address:

Address:

WITNESS:

Date:

