



First Tee College Scholarship Program

2024 APPLICATION

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Application Deadline: March 13, 2024

Overview:

The *First Tee College Scholarship Program* provides valuable, life-changing opportunities for the youth of First Tee. Helping them prepare for success is at the core of our mission. We believe in encouraging youth to pursue their dreams and further their education.

This program awards participants who excel in academics, leadership, character development, and chapter and community involvement. Thanks to our generous donors, First Tee is proud to offer up to a \$20,000 scholarship, mentoring throughout the college experience, professional development workshops and assistance in securing internships through the *First Tee College Scholarship Program*.

Participant Selection:

Applications are accepted once per year from seniors in high school who meet the minimum eligibility requirements. All components of the application will be reviewed with consideration that this program offers need and merit-based scholarships.

Following the closing date of March 13, 2024, a judging committee made up of Headquarters staff, chapter staff, and an outside representative will review the submissions and identify candidates that will be selected for the First Tee College Scholarship Program 2024 class. The field will be announced by June 1, 2024.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for the First Tee College Scholarship Program, applicants must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- Must be classified as a high school senior as of December 31, 2023
- Minimum 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale
- Test-Optional – Following current Higher Education Trends.
- Intent to attend a four-year accredited college or university in Fall 2024
- If selected, the participant must be able to attend the Pre-College Retreat (July 22-26, 2024 and the Winter Workshop, TBD 2025)
- Registered and active in First Tee headquarters database at the time of application deadline
- Involved in chapter activities at the time of application submission
 - Participants who have spent a longer amount of time in First Tee programs will receive higher consideration in the selection.

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- Evidence of responsible volunteerism or citizenship through meaningful involvement in community and/or civic activities

Application Process:

Applications will be submitted online at

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/FirstTeeCollegeScholarship2024> please follow the instructions in the "Quick Start Guide" on how to complete this process.

The online application will consist of the following:

- Application Code: SCHOLAR2024 (ALL CAPS)
- Let's Get to Know You!
- High School Information
- ACT/SAT Test Scores
- College Information
- Financial Information
- Extracurricular & School Activities
- Community & Volunteer Service
- Awards & Recognition
- Employment Experience
- Short Answer Essays
- Video Essay
- Official High School Transcripts and Test Scores (printed from test site and scanned)
- Document Uploads
 - Chapter Participation Survey
 - Letter of Recommendation
 - Creative Work
 - High School Transcripts
 - College Financial Aid award letters
 - Statement Letter (Tell us Why?)
- First Tee College Scholarship Program Statement of Understanding

Questions:

For questions regarding the First Tee College Scholarship Program please contact Robbie Lowman at robbielowman@firsttee.org, 904-940-4280.

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 applications MUST be submitted by the First Tee participant. First Tee will NOT accept correspondence from families of participants. The deadline to apply online is March 13, 2024.

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Let's Get to Know You! (REQUIRED)		
Participant Name (First and Last):		
Participant E-Mail:	Participant Cell #:	
Current Home Address:		
City:	State	ZIP Code:
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):		Age as of January 1, 2024 :
School Grade Level as of December 31, 2023 : <i>High School</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> The options listed do not reflect me	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	
Are you a First-Generation College Student? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Please select your First Tee Chapter:	How many years have you been with First Tee?	
Chapter Contact Name:	Chapter Contact Email:	
Have you participated in any national First Tee participant opportunity events? Please list all		
Parent/Guardian #1 Full Name:	Parent/Guardian #2 Full Name:	
Parent/Guardian #1 E-Mail:	Parent/Guardian #2 E-Mail:	
Parent/Guardian #1 Cell #:	Parent/Guardian #2 Cell #:	

High School Information (REQUIRED)		
Name of current High School:		
Please select the type of school. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Homeschool		
Anticipated Graduation Date:	Grade Point Average:	On a scale of:
Class Rank:	Class Rank out of:	ZIP Code:

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Please list any Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP) and/or Dual Enrollment classes you have and are currently taking:

Please provide your high school's profile here. This profile is typically an overview of the high school and lists how many AP/Honors classes are offered:

ACT/SAT Test Scores (OPTIONAL)

List the highest scores for each section of the SAT tests you have taken. For the 2023 application, Test scores will be **OPTIONAL**

SAT | Math:

SAT | Evidence-Based Reading & Writing:

Date SAT Taken:

*Document Upload: Please upload your official test score results here:

College or University Information & Other Scholarships (REQUIRED)

List any colleges to which you have applied and been accepted:

If you have already decided, please list the college you plan to attend:

What do you plan to Major in:

Are you planning to major in a STEM-related field?

Yes No

Do you plan to play on your college golf team? If yes, have you received a college golf scholarship?

Please select the college scholarships you expect to apply for and receive:

- Athletic full
- Athletic partial
- Merit
- Local community
- National
- None

What is the total amount of outside/private scholarships you have been awarded?

Describe your career interests and aspirations. Include what inspired you to follow this path? (Open Text box)

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Applicant Financial Aid Information * (REQUIRED)
*Please add your family's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for the 2022 tax year: \$
*Number of people in your Household:
*Number of people in College for the 2024-2025 Academic year.
Please describe your family's financial circumstances, including any impediments to paying for college not reflected on the FAFSA or CSS profile (such as the number of siblings in college, loss of employment, hardships, etc.). (Open Text)
Please add your Student Aid Index (SAI Figure): (Optional but encouraged if you completed FAFSA): \$
Document Upload: Please upload the full copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS). (Optional)

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHART		
Please complete the chart below; the ability to add multiple line items for each is available when completing this section online.		
A. Extracurricular & School Activities	Date:	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
<i>Example: Key Club</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>Club President: Organized play dates</i>
B. Community & Volunteer Service	Date:	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
C. Awards & Recognition	Date:	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
D. Work for Pay	Date	Responsibilities & Accomplishments

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SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS (REQUIRED)

Answer ALL of the following questions. Please use the space provided below. Your response must be 250 words or less per question.

1. Explain a personal experience where you encountered failure and describe how overcoming it contributed to your personal growth. (Max 250 words)

2. Define a long-term goal you aspire to achieve and what steps you plan to take to reach that goal. (Max 250 Words)

3. Reflect on a collaborative effort you were involved in. What role does teamwork play in your efforts to develop and enhance your own personal skills? (Max 250 words)

4. Discuss a facet of your identity essential to who you are and provide specific experiences that have contributed to shaping this part of your identity. (Max 250 words)

5. Share a situation where you had to make a decision requiring good judgment. What factors influenced your decision-making process? (Max 250 words)

Video Essay (REQUIRED)

We want to get to know you and why you want to be selected for the First Tee College Scholarship Program. In two minutes or less, create a video addressing this topic. Below are only suggested questions that you may use as a guide to create your video but you have creative freedom.

- How do you plan to achieve your passion through your educational goals?
- What makes you unique?
- What experiences shaped you growing up?
- What is something we wouldn't know about you that helps explain the "real" you?

Please upload your video in the application, in one following file formats below or add link to video:

- Audio Video Interleaved (.AVI)
- QuickTime (.mov)
- MPEG (.mpg, .mpeg, .mp4)
- Windows Media Video (.wmv)
- Flash Video (.flv, .f4v)

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Chapter Participation Survey Upload (REQUIRED)

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN: The following form is to be completed by a chapter coach, program or executive director for each participant applying for the First Tee College Scholarship Program. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure this is filled out, signed, and uploaded to their online application.

This form is a vital part of the criteria evaluated for scholarships. 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 explain how your participant has been engaged at your chapter within the past three years.	
3. Please explain why you feel this participant should be selected for this program.	
4. Share a specific scenario where this participant had an opportunity to represent your chapter, speak on its behalf, or lead others by example.	
5. (Optional) Is there any additional information that you would like to add about this participant that has not been covered by the questions above?	
Name of chapter representative:	
Signature:	
Position at Chapter:	E-mail address:
Date:	Phone Number:

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Letter of Recommendation (OPTIONAL)

- Upload a letter of recommendation(s) here from someone who can speak for you personally, such as a coach, teacher, mentor, etc.
- Preference that one of the references be from a First Tee representative such as a Coach, ED, PD, or Board Member.
- **There is no limit on how many recommendation letters

Creative Upload (OPTIONAL)

- If you have any pieces of work you want to share digitally, please upload your work here. Examples such as art, photography, cinema, and other creative pieces.

High School Transcript Upload (REQUIRED)

- Please upload your official high school transcript
- Copies of your official test scores – download from test service website

Financial Aid Award Offers/Letters (OPTIONAL)

- Please upload any award letters that your applied schools have provided to date.

Tell us why? (OPTIONAL)

- In one page or less... Explain why you are applying and deserve this award. This letter may highlight your academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service, character, goals, plans for the future, and what First Tee means to you.

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Social Media Code of Conduct

The First Tee Code of Conduct requires participants to demonstrate the Nine Core Values in their everyday lives and, in particular, to show respect for yourself, others and your surroundings. These caring behaviors are expected not only in face-to-face situations but also in written correspondence and electronic social media interactions. Before, during or after participating in an event sponsored by First Tee, you may want to communicate with other participants from the event. With that in mind, First Tee has a social media code of conduct of which we would like to make you aware. For clarification, we consider social media to include all personal Web sites and all forms of online community activities such as online blogs, social networks, message boards, conversation pages, chat rooms, emails and cell phone texting.

The First Tee Social Media Code of Conduct states that while using any social media platform to communicate with other Chapter participants or with anyone about First Tee, you must abide by the First Tee Code of Conduct and the First Tee Nine Core Values. If you are unaware of what the Code of Conduct states, you can review your Participant Yardage Book or your Chapter has a copy you can review. Also, First Tee's copyrighted words, logos and trademarks may not be used in any manner on social media pages without Headquarters' approval. For example, you cannot create a social media group that appears to be sponsored by First Tee.

It is very important to respect and follow the rules set forth in the First Tee Code of Conduct and Nine Core Values when using any social media platform. If you fail to do so, there will be consequences which may include cancellation of benefits and being prohibited from participating in future participant events hosted by First Tee Headquarters. Headquarters will also involve parents and Chapter leaders in these discussions as needed. Thank you for your attention to these guidelines.

Examples of Social Media (but not limited to): Facebook, Instagram, Vine, MySpace, Twitter, IM/Chatting, Blogs, YouTube, Flickr, Email, Texting

Electronic Signature: In accordance with federal law, the parties may execute this document electronically equaling to the same degree as a handwritten signature by using the following process to create an electronic symbol signifying intent. The party must fill in their name and title below, and sign in the box where requested below.

Participant Signature

Participant Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date

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Statement of Understanding

I acknowledge that I am fully aware of and understand the following information:

First Tee College Scholarship Program: The First Tee College Scholarship Program offers up to a \$20,000 scholarship, mentoring throughout the college experience, professional development workshops and assistance in securing internships.

The funds are paid directly to the college or university of the recipient's choice.

Opportunities: All First Tee Scholars are eligible for speaking opportunities, possible internships, and attendance at special events. Scholars are not guaranteed participation in any event. All Scholars will be considered for special opportunities based on the criteria for the event and information submitted.

Maintaining a Scholarship: Scholars selected for this program must maintain the required level of academic performance set forth by the school they choose to attend. If performance falls below this level, participation in this program may be revoked. Please refer to the individual school's requirements for more information. Scholars must submit a renewal report annually in order to receive funds. Scholars must also attend the professional development workshops provided for this program.

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Participant Signature

Participant Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date

