



First Tee College Scholarship Program

2025 APPLICATION

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Application Deadline: March 19, 2025

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 19, 2025, 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 2025 class. The field will be announced by June 1, 2025.

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, 2024
- Minimum 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale
- Test-Optional
- Intent to attend a four-year accredited college or university in Fall 2025
- If selected, the participant must be able to attend the Pre-College Retreat (**July 21st-25th, 2025 and the Winter Workshop, January 16th-19th, 2026**)
- 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.
- Evidence of responsible volunteerism or citizenship through meaningful involvement in community and/or civic activities

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Application Process:

Applications will be submitted online at

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/FirstTeeCollegeScholarship2025> 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: SCHOLAR2025 (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 ***(Scoreable fields)**
- Video Essay ***(Scoreable fields)**
- Official High School Transcripts and Test Scores (printed from test site and scanned)
- Document Uploads
 - Chapter Participation Survey (Required)
 - **One** Letter of Recommendation (Required) ***(Scoreable field)**
 - Creative Work
 - High School Transcripts (Required)
 - College Financial Aid award letters
- Statement Letter (Tell us Why?) ***(Scoreable field)**
- 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 19, 2025.

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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, 2025 :
School Grade Level as of December 31, 2024 : <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		
Are you an Ace Level participant within First Tee Programing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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 #:	
Please select your shirt size:	Men's, Women's, Unisex: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL	

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

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Anticipated Graduation Date:	Grade Point Average:	On a scale of:
Class Rank:	Class Rank out of:	
Please list any Honors (H), IB, 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. <u>For the 2025 application, Test scores will be OPTIONAL</u>
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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Athletic full <input type="radio"/> Athletic partial <input type="radio"/> Merit <input type="radio"/> Local community <input type="radio"/> National <input type="radio"/> None 	

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Applicant Financial Aid Information * (REQUIRED)

Please update this section within the appropriate information if you have completed your FAFSA. If you do not have your FAFSA results, please complete the Federal Aid Estimator at this link: <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/> and update this section with the information provided. (Estimated time to complete estimator is only 5 -10 minutes)

This information is only for internal purposes and will not be reviewed by an outside judging process.

*Please add your Student Aid Index (SAI Figure): \$

*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.

* Document Upload: Please upload the full copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS).

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)

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	Total Number of Hours:
Please estimate the total number of volunteer or service hours completed in 2024:			Hours
C. Awards & Recognition	Date:	Responsibilities & Accomplishments	

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D. Work for Pay	Date	Responsibilities & Accomplishments	Number of hours worked/ing per week:

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. Reflect on a personal experience that has had a significant impact on who you are today. Describe the experience, explain how it influenced your growth, and discuss how it continues to shape your perspective or actions. (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. Imagine you could do any job in the world without needing to earn a paycheck. What job would you choose to do for free, and why? Describe what makes this work meaningful to you and how it aligns with your passions or values. (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. Use this opportunity to share more about who you are that is not reflected in the written part of this application. We encourage you to be as creative as you would like for us to better get to know 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.

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 (REQUIRED - One Recommendation)

- Upload a letter of recommendation here from someone who can speak for you personally, such as a coach, teacher, mentor, etc.

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

Tell us why? (REQUIRED)

- In 500 words 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

First Tee Social Media Code of Conduct requires participants to demonstrate the First Tee values in their everyday lives and, in particular, to show respect for oneself, others and your surroundings. This is expected not only in face-to-face situations but also in written correspondence and electronic social media interactions. We consider social media to include all personal websites and all forms of online community activities such as online blogs, social networks, message boards, conversation pages, chat rooms, emails and cell phone texting.

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 values. If you are unaware of what the Code of Conduct states, you can review with your chapter, or contact First Tee HQ. Also, the 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 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 HQ. 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, Tik Tok, Twitter/X, Blogs, YouTube, 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.

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 date below, signifying your agreement.

Participant Signature

Participant Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date

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AI Acknowledgement

Applicants completed all sections of this scholarship application independently and without the assistance of artificial intelligence (AI) tools or technologies. This includes but is not limited to, AI-driven writing, editing, or response-generation software.

By submitting your application, you certify that all responses and materials are your original work and were not created, drafted, or enhanced by AI in any way. Any violation of this policy may result in disqualification from consideration.

Please note that all submitted materials may be subject to review using AI detection software. Any suspicious content identified through this process will be further investigated and may result in disqualification if found to violate this policy.

We value authenticity and personal effort in your submissions, as these reflect your true character, abilities, and potential.

Participant Signature

Participant Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date