

2020 Georgia PGA Foundation  
Scholarship Program  
Information and Application



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## **GEORGIA PGA FOUNDATION PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Georgia PGA Foundation Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher education goals for youth who have demonstrated a high level of achievement during high school, have financial need and have shown an interest in the game of golf.

## **GEORGIA PGA FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT**

To introduce and engage individuals of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds to the game of golf by providing instruction, education and playing opportunities.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

All applicants must be Georgia PGA Junior Tour Members in 2019 and/or 2020. The applicants playing ability will not be a determining factor in the evaluation process, however the applicant must have participated in at least two Georgia PGA Junior Tour events in 2019 or 2020. Applicants must reside within the State of Georgia.

Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance to meet educational expenses.

Applicants must have completed high school prior to August 15, 2020 and must be enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student. A full time student is defined as one who is taking 12 or more hours in a course of study leading to a traditional associate (2 year) or baccalaureate (4 year) degree at an accredited college or university located within the United States, or considered a full time student by his/her respective institution.

The Georgia PGA Foundation Scholarship Committee will review class ranking, grade point average (GPA) and either ACT or SAT test scores, the student's participation in Georgia PGA Junior Tour events, on-course etiquette and sportsmanship, extracurricular activities, distinguished honors and financial need.

## **2020 SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE**

<b>Deadline to return applications to the GPGA Foundation</b>	<b>April 15, 2020</b>
<b>Deadline for school transcripts to be received by GPGA Foundation</b>	<b>May 1, 2020</b>
<b>Recipients announced</b>	<b>May 30, 2020</b>
<b>Funds distributed to appropriate Colleges/Universities</b>	<b>July 15, 2020</b>

## **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a combination of the following areas:

- 1) High School Academic Record (Cumulative GPA and Class Rank)  
*Note: Transcript should be from Fall Semester of 2019-2020 school year.*
- 2) ACT and/or SAT scores
- 3) College Admission Notice
- 4) Determination of Financial Need {Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Student Aid Report (SAR)}
- 5) Junior Golf Participation

- 6) Extracurricular Activities
- 7) Letters of Recommendation (Preferred, but not mandatory)
  - a. Letter from High School Teacher, Counselor or Advisor
  - b. Letter from PGA Professional
- 8) Personal Essay of 100-300 words

## **GEORGIA PGA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

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### **Bill Cowles Scholarship – One at \$2,500**

This scholarship is named after long time Georgia PGA volunteer Bill Cowles of Lilburn. Bill has volunteered for the Georgia PGA since 2002 having worked approximately 20 professional and Junior Tour events each year. He has been a key part in the success of the Georgia PGA Junior Tour throughout its 18 years of existence, working over 100 tournaments. In 2016, he was elected Honorary Lifetime Member of the Georgia PGA. Bill enjoys watching the personal growth of the players as they develop the benefits usually associated with competitive golf. These include the life skills of sportsmanship, integrity, self-discipline, perseverance, and graciously accepting and overcoming occasional failures or set-backs. It is his belief that these skills will be vital to the player in enjoying and prospering in their collegiate and adult lives.

### **Chuck Edmonson Scholarship – One at \$2,500**

This scholarship is named after long time Georgia PGA volunteer Chuck Edmonson of Suwanee. Chuck has volunteered for the Georgia PGA since 2000 having worked approximately 20 professional and Junior Tour events each year. He has been a key part in the success of the Georgia PGA Junior Tour throughout its 18 years of existence, working nearly 100 tournaments. In 2016, he was elected Honorary Lifetime Member of the Georgia PGA. When not working tournaments, Chuck enjoys creative cooking and working on his active model railroad. However, the real joy comes from watching our young junior golfers grow into young adults, then whenever possible, watch and follow their college careers. “This is very rewarding as a Rules Official, thinking that somewhere in their growth you may have had a helping hand. The Rules of Golf are very similar to the rules of life, they constantly change, and we must learn to adapt.”

## **Georgia Section, PGA of America and Georgia PGA Foundation**

The Georgia PGA is one of the 41 Sections of the PGA of America. Its membership includes nearly 910 PGA professionals serving as the experts in the business and game of golf and working at over 260 golf courses, clubs, and ranges throughout the state. Additionally, more than 35 Georgia PGA members compete on one of the PGA Tours. In keeping with the fundamental objectives laid down by its founders, one of the Georgia PGA's primary goals is promoting the game of golf through clinics, junior and minority golf programs, consumer programs, and print, radio, and television media.

The Georgia PGA Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization founded to introduce and engage individuals of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds to the game of golf by providing instruction, education and playing opportunities. The Foundation will impact and enhance the lives of individuals utilizing the game of golf—a gift for a lifetime. The Foundation will achieve its vision and mission through fundraising programs and golf programming targeted to enhance individuals' lives and better communities. The Foundation falls under the direction of the Georgia PGA.

# 2020 Georgia PGA Foundation Scholarship Application

## INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for the Georgia PGA Foundation Scholarship, this application must be completed in its entirety. The Application must be returned to the Georgia PGA Foundation Office by April 15, 2020. The information supplied must be accurate and will be kept strictly confidential by the Georgia PGA Foundation.

### 1) Applicant Information Section (Please print of type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2) High School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Senior Class: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Based on: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Example\*\*\* 3.72 4.0

ACT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Math Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Reading Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Writing Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which College or University are planning to attend in the fall of 2020?**

**Have you been accepted to that College or University?**

3) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from completed FAFSA;

4) Number of dependents in family and ages:

5) Have you applied for and/or received other financial aid from any other source (i.e., grants, athletic scholarships, academic scholarships, etc.)?

If you answered yes to the above, please describe (source, amount, date, time period).

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**PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:**

**\*\*Applications will not be processed without this information.**

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- 1) **\*\*Current High School Transcript**
- 2) **\*\*ACT and/or SAT scores**
- 3) **\*\*Printed SAR (Student Aid Report) which can be obtained by filling out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid Application) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**
- 4) **\*\*List of Georgia PGA Junior Tour and other junior golf participation**
- 5) **\*\*Personal Essay of 100-300 words describing how playing junior golf has helped to define you.**
- 6) Letters of recommendation from
  - a. High School Teacher, Counselor or Advisor (recommended)
  - b. Georgia PGA Professional (recommended)
- 7) List of Extracurricular Activities (recommended)

**CERTIFICATION:**

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I certify that the enclosed information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge as reflected by the appropriate school record. Any false information will automatically void this application.

**Applicants Signature:**

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**Date:**

**Parent or Guardian Signature:**

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**Date:**

(Voluntary)

**PGA Professional's Signature:**

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**Date:**

**Please return the completed application and direct any questions to:**

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