



Bob Ford Leadership Award

The Bob Ford Leadership Award was started by Oakmont Country Club, former Head Professional, Bob Ford and First Tee-Pittsburgh. Bob Ford exemplifies the spirit of golf in Western Pennsylvania as a player, teacher, head professional, and director of golf at Oakmont Country Club and head pro at Seminole Country Club in Florida. His leadership distinguishes him as a consummate professional and ambassador of the game.

The Bob Ford Leadership Award is given annually to a the First Tee -Pittsburgh participant who embodies these qualities on and off the golf course

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be high school juniors or seniors as of fall semester 2023
- Nominees must be currently active and at least completed two seasons of Birdie
- Nominees must have been with The First Tee for 3 years as of Dec. 31, 2023, and be marked active in the participant database

Selection Criteria and Evaluation-Consideration will be given to a combination of the following criteria

- The level of participation in the First Tee Program
- Involvement in various community service opportunities
- Interview with committee
- Essays

Scholarship award

- A \$5,000 onetime award to be used for college or post-secondary education
- Award will be announced at The Tee it Forward event on September, 17 2022 at the APLC
- Awardee will be expected to address the attendees of Tee it Forward

Essays are due by Monday August 21 . All candidates must be available for an interview at Time and Date to be determined

Essay Questions: Answer both questions completely. Grammar and punctuation errors, sentence structure and/or lack of proofreading will all be taken into account as well as vague responses or ones that do not satisfactorily answer the question

A major goal of The First Tee mission is to make a positive impact on your life. Your answer to each of the questions will help the Committee understand and evaluate the effect our mission has had on you. Remember, you are being judged by a committee. Therefore, both essays should provide insight into who you are as a person. Your answers should be typed, double-spaced and contain between 250 and 300 words for each question:

Question 1: How has the game of golf and The First Tee of Pittsburgh helped you develop leadership skills? Please provide examples.

Question 2: Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

Contact Coach Eric with questions- eamato@firstteepittsburgh.org