



2024 Bob Ford Leadership Award - Application Information

The Bob Ford Leadership Award was created by former Oakmont Country Club Head Professional Bob Ford and First Tee-Pittsburgh. In 2017, the United States Golf Association recognized Bob Ford's spirit, character and respect for the game by naming him as the first PGA Professional to receive the Bob Jones Award, the USGA's highest honor. His leadership continues to distinguish him as a consummate professional and ambassador of the game of golf.

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

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be high school Juniors or Seniors during the 2023-24 academic year
- Nominees must be currently active and have completed at least four sessions of First Tee - Pittsburgh programming classes.
- Nominees must have been with First Tee - Pittsburgh for at least two years as of March 1, 2024, and be marked active in the national participant database

Evaluation & Selection Criteria

- The level of participation in First Tee - Pittsburgh programming classes and chapter, regional and national opportunities
- Involvement in various community service projects and opportunities
- Interview with committee
- Essays

Scholarship Award

- A one-time \$5,000 award to be used for college, university, accredited post-secondary degree or professional education program of your choice
- Award will be announced publicly at the Tee It Forward event in September 2024
- Awardee will be expected to address the Tee It Forward attendees

Essays are due by Monday August 19, 2024. All candidates must be available for an in person interview with Bob Ford at a time, date and location to be determined.

Essay Questions: Answer both questions completely. Grammar and punctuation errors, poor 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 applicable question.

The mission of First Tee - Pittsburgh is to make a positive impact on your life and personal development. Your answer to each of the questions will help the Committee more fully understand the effect our efforts have had on you. Remember, you are being evaluated by a committee. Therefore, both essays should provide unique insight into your experiences and who you are as a person.

Your answers should be **typed, double-spaced** and contain between **250-300 words for each question:**

Question 1: How has your involvement with First Tee - Pittsburgh and the game of golf helped you develop leadership skills? (MUST provide specific examples)

Question 2: Where do you see yourself ten years from now as a young adult?

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