



2024 Deacon Palmer Scholarship - Application Information

The Deacon Palmer Scholarship was started by First Tee-Pittsburgh in conjunction with the Deacon Palmer Endowment Fund as a way to provide our chapter's active participants with financial assistance for college. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer scholarship assistance to qualified First Tee - Pittsburgh participants who have demonstrated exceptional merit, citizenship and academic achievement, as well as service and commitment to the chapter's mission. A \$2,000 scholarship, renewable each academic year, is available based on selection criteria for a maximum of two (2) participants per year. Scholarship awardees may seek renewal in successive years by meeting the stated requirements.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be high school Seniors graduating at the end of the 2023-24 academic year
- Nominees must 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
- Nominees must have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale

Evaluation & Selection Criteria

- The level of participation in First Tee - Pittsburgh programming classes and chapter, regional and national opportunities
- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Involvement in various community service opportunities

Scholarship Award & Renewal Criteria

- A renewable \$2,000 award, per academic year, to be used for college, university, accredited post-secondary degree or professional education program of your choice
- To ensure renewal, awardees MUST annually submit academic transcripts from the previous year and proof of enrollment for the coming year as soon as possible
- Annual cumulative 2.5 grade point average, or equivalent as determined by the committee, on a 4.0 scale
- Twenty (20) hours of community service per academic year with an accredited youth serving organization (Annual written service record with supervisor signature required)
- Proof of enrollment by August 1, 2024

Application Timeline

- Applications Released > Friday, March 1, 2024
- Applications Due > Monday, May 6, 2024
- Candidate Interviews > Date, Time and Location to be determined.
- Awards Announcement > Friday, May 24, 2024

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: Describe in your own words how participating First Tee programming at the chapter, regional or national level has positively impacted your life. Tell a story about yourself using ONE of the 5 Key Commitments to Being a Game Changer that you have learned during your time as a First Tee member. Please include examples of personal growth, evolving leadership traits, character enhancement and golf skill development.

Question 2: How will *your commitment to being a game-changer* make you a successful college student?

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