



2024 Morty Gurrentz Scholarship - Application Information

The Morty Gurrentz scholarship was started and funded by the Joan and Rodger Gurrentz family in partnership with First Tee-Pittsburgh as a way to provide our chapter's active participants financial assistance for college or other post-secondary educational purposes. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer scholarship assistance to qualified First Tee participants who have demonstrated exceptional merit, citizenship, academic achievement, service, and commitment to the mission of First Tee-Pittsburgh. A \$5,000 scholarship, renewable each academic year, is available based on selection criteria for one recipient per year. Scholarship awardees may seek renewal in successive years by meeting the stated requirements for no more than 4 years.

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 3.0 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 \$5,000 award, per academic year, to be used for the 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 3.0 grade point average, or equivalent as determined by the committee, on a 4.0 scale
- Twenty (20) hours of community service per calendar 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

First Tee - Pittsburgh staff will collect all applications directly from the applicant. The selection committee (FTP Staff, Board Members and Scholarship Committee) will determine up to two awardees. Recipients will be notified on, or prior to, May 24, 2024.

Instructions: Submit your application as early as possible. Completed application and all supporting documents must be submitted by May 6, 2024. You MUST make copies of your documents prior to submitting your application materials. Each application will be reviewed and scored by multiple judges. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants submitting an application and all of the required components in a timely manner will be notified VIA E-MAIL. ALL documents must be postmarked by May 6, 2023. All applicants must be available for an interview.

Contact Eric Amato for further details- eamato@irstteepittsburgh.org

All applications must be submitted to:

Eric Amato, President & CEO
First Tee - Pittsburgh
5370 Schenley Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

DOWNLOAD AND SAVE THIS DOCUMENT. TYPE ALL INFORMATION DIRECTLY INTO THIS DOCUMENT.

Have you included the following in ONE envelope?

- Part I: Form A – General Information Form
- Part II: Form B – Student Family Information Form
- Part III - Complete, typed application, (be sure to keep a copy!) including:
 - Required Academic Information
 - School & Community Activity Chart
 - Two (2) Required Essays
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (High School Teacher or Coach AND one other Community Leader)
- Part IV - Official transcript and High School Profile in sealed envelope
- Part V –FAFSA form

Part I: Form A
General Information Form

Name:

Home Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home phone number:

Participant's cell phone number:

Participant's email address:

Parent's email address:

Date of birth:

Age as of date of application:

Grade level:

Gender: Male Female

Scholarships granted through First Tee - Pittsburgh shall be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, disability, military status or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

Part II: Form B
Student Family Information

With whom do you live? Mother Father Both

 Guardian(s) Foster Parents Grandparents

Name of Parent(s) /Guardian(s): _____

Mother's Last First Middle

Father's Last First Middle

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Permanent, Legal address: _____

Home phone: (_____) _____

Applicant Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Best telephone contact phone: (_____) _____

Is English the primary language spoken in your house? Circle: **Yes or No** If not, what languages are spoken? _____

Are you the first generation of your family planning to attend college? _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

Date

Participant Signature

Date

PART III - Application

REQUIRED ACADEMIC INFORMATION/ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Current high school:
2. Check one: Public Private Home school
4. Anticipated graduation date:
5. Grade Point Average: _____ on a scale of _____. Is this a weighted GPA?
6. Class Rank: _____ out of _____ **OR** My school does not rank _____
7. List the current courses you are taking and indicate Honors (H) or Advanced Placement (AP):
8. List any colleges to which you have already been accepted:
9. List all colleges (in priority order) to which you plan to apply:
10. If you know your major or course of study, please indicate such:
11. Do you plan to play collegiate athletics in Division III University?
12. Describe your current career aspirations:
13. List **all** monetary awards, grants and scholarships you have received, including the amount of each and the awarding institution, that will be applied to the cost of attending college: monetary awards do not preclude you from consideration for the scholarship.

Other Considerations - Please list any additional information that you would like the committee to be aware of when evaluating your application materials.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHART ON THE NEXT PAGE. THE INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN THIS FORMAT FOR CONSISTENCY SO PLEASE DO NOT SEND IT IN A DIFFERENT FORMAT.

School & Community Activities Chart

Name: _____

	Dates From-To	Time Spent		Responsibilities/ Accomplishments
		Hours per Week / Month	Total Hours	
A. Extracurricular/School Activities				
B. Community/Volunteer Service				
C. Awards & Recognitions				
D. Work for Pay				

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?

Contact Eric Amato with questions - eamato@firstteepittsburgh.org

First Tee - Pittsburgh Scholarship > Statement of Understanding

If I am accepted as a Scholarship Awardee I, _____, acknowledge that I am fully aware of and understand all of the following information:

Scholarship Awardee: A scholarship of \$2000 per academic year will be awarded on my behalf to the college, university, accredited post-secondary degree or professional education program of my choice.

Scholarship Maintenance: Recipients who accept a First Tee - Pittsburgh Scholarship must maintain the required criteria set forth by the Scholarship Committee. If performance falls below this level, the Scholarship(s) will not be renewed. Please refer to the requirements for more information. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final

Applicant Name (Please Print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

**Acknowledgement of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
Division III Regulation Compliance**

I, _____, acknowledge that I am fully aware of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) compliance regulations governing institutionally funded scholarships. **NCAA Bylaw 15.02.2.2b** (cited below) states by definition and interpretation, that no designated Scholar of First Tee - Pittsburgh may accept a Leadership Scholarship and play for any NCAA Division III athletic program at any time during their matriculation, regardless of the sport. For more information regarding your specific situation, contact the Director of Athletics or the Office of Admissions at the school you would like to attend.

First Tee - Pittsburgh Leadership Scholarships are based purely on merit, leadership capabilities, and documented proof of community involvement. In no way does the First Tee Scholars Program use athletic ability as an eligibility requirement for designation, even if the NCAA interprets First Tee as an organization that chooses Scholars based on athletic ability.

15.02.2.1 Institutional Financial Aid

The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid:

(a) All funds administered by the institution, which include but are not limited to the following: (*R e v i s e d : 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

(1) **Scholarships;**

(2) Grants;

(3) Tuition waivers;

(4) Employee dependent tuition benefits;

(5) Loan;

(6) Employment earnings from federal and state work-study program assistance; and (*R e v i s e d : 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99*)

(b) Aid from government or private sources for which the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.

15.02.2.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid

The following sources of financial aid are also permitted:

(a) Financial aid received from anyone on whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent;

(b) Financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;

(c) Financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Merit Scholar) in which athletics participation is not a major criterion;

(d) Financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high-school graduates, in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.3.5; and

(e) Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee. (Adopted: 1/1/95 effective 8/1/95)

First Tee Applicant Name (Please Print)

First Tee Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent or Guardian Name Signature

Date