



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 First Tee -Pittsburgh participant who embodies these qualities on and off the golf course.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be high school juniors or seniors during the 2025-26 academic year.
- Nominees must be currently active and at least completed four sessions of First Tee – Pittsburgh programming classes.
- Nominees must have been with The First Tee for 3 years as of Dec. 31, 2025, 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.
- Essays.
- Interview with Mr. Ford.

Scholarship award

- A \$10,000 one-time award to be used for college or post-secondary education.
- This award will be announced Spring of 2026.

This scholarship has already been awarded for the 2025-26 college year. First Tee participants will be eligible to apply for this award in the Spring of 2026.

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