



Deacon Palmer Scholarship

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 participants who have demonstrated exceptional merit, citizenship, academic achievement, as well as service and commitment to the mission of First Tee-Pittsburgh. A \$2,000 scholarship, renewable each academic year, is available based on selection criteria for up to 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 in the Spring of the 2024-25 school year.
- Nominees must have been with First Tee for a minimum of 2 years and be marked active in the participant database.
- Nominees must have at least a **2.5 GPA** on a 4.0 scale.

Selection Criteria: consideration will be given to a combination of the following criteria

- The level of participation achieved in the First Tee-Pittsburgh Program.
- Financial need.
- Academic strength.
- Involvement in various community service opportunities.

Scholarship award and renewal criteria

- A \$2,000 per academic year, renewable scholarship, based on selection criteria.
- At the end of the academic year, renewable applicants must submit transcripts from the previous year and proof of enrollment for the coming year as soon as possible.
- **This scholarship is good for any accredited degree program.**

Renewable criteria-

- **2.5 grade point average** or equivalent as determined by the committee, submitted via academic transcript on a 4.0 scale.
- 20 hours per academic year in a youth serving organization (Community service log w/signature required.)
- Proof of enrollment by August 1, 2025.

Timeline:

- Application released – February 20, 2025.
- Due date for all applications – April 23, 2025.
- Interviews – TBA.
- Awardees announced – Week of May 26, 2025.

Each application will be reviewed and scored by the selection committee (FTP Staff, Board Members and Scholarship Committee) who will determine **two** awardees.

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