



Eligibility Criteria for 2018 Participant Opportunities

Involvement in The First Tee provides unique opportunities for participants. These opportunities have been created to recognize various achievements through golf skills, life skills and education. Modifications have been made throughout the past several years to encourage teenage retention and progression among the chapter network. Participants who have spent more years in the program and have achieved a higher Life Skills level will receive more points on their application.

Below you will find the requirements that are unique to each of the 2018 Participant Opportunities. To be eligible to apply to each unique event, an applicant must meet ALL of the requirements specific to that event.

Wells Fargo Succeeding Together

Date: May 1-7; Charlotte, NC

Application released: January 24th; Application deadline: March 19th; Participants announced: April 18th

Purpose: This year, the Wells Fargo Succeeding Together contest is encouraging teenage participants of The First Tee to showcase the importance of being part of a “Go-To-Team” and working together. Eligible participants of The First Tee can enter through an application and essay process beginning **January 24 through March 19, 2018**. Our panel of judges will select ten finalists and then ultimately four winners, each of whom will win a trip to the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship with one grand prize winner experiencing the thrill of playing golf with a PGA TOUR pro during the program on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Selection: 10 finalists will be selected to win \$500 cash. From the 10, 4 winners – 3 First Prize and 1 Grand Prize - will then be selected to travel to Charlotte to attend the tournament.

- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the application release date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant’s “created on” date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible



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The First Tee National Par-3 Championship

Date: June 12-17; Richmond, VA

Application released: January 24th; Application deadline: March 5th; Participants announced: April 18th

Purpose: This event introduces participants to a competitive golf environment by simulating that experience through the stroke play and golf outing events. Participants will develop an understanding of different rules, scenarios and etiquette through instruction lead by a USGA rules official and through implementation during tournament play. Participants will also work on life skill development through dorm living, interaction with participants from around the country and guest speakers. By the end of the week they will have a better understanding of competitive golf rules and regulations and will be ready to act as leaders and role models for other participants at their local chapters.

Selection: 32 participants; 16 males & 16 females

- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the event and must not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3-year requirement
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 8 or better for males and 10 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to 2 participants – one male and one female, chapters may not submit two participants of the same gender

John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)

Date: June 25-29; Atlanta, GA

Application released: February 7th; Application deadline: March 26th; Participants announced: May 2nd

Purpose: This all girls event will focus on leadership development, remaining active in the game of golf, learning the value/impact of volunteerism, and recognizing the importance of teamwork. Applicants will be asked to define the people or circumstances that 'drive' them to take on a position of leadership and describe how they plan to apply those principles in their life.

Selection: 24 females

- This event is open to female participants only
- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the Academy and not reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the Academy
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants



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Perfect Sense Unified Challenge

Date: June 24-28; Tysons, VA

Application released: February 7th; Application deadline: March 26th; Participants announced: May 2nd

Purpose: The Perfect Sense Unified Challenge will be a President's Cup team event with golfers from The First Tee paired as teammates with wounded veterans and Special Olympics golfers from around the country. In addition to playing two rounds of golf at some of the top courses in the nation's capital, golfers will also enjoy a welcome banquet, a career exploration day at Perfect Sense, a tour of DC's monuments and museums, and a final send off at Top Golf!

Selections: 18 participants

- Age 14 - 18 years old. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the Academy and not reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event.
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 10 or better for males and 12 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants (it is recommended chapters submit one boy and one girl)

John Deere Power for Good Scholarship Contest

Date: July 9-12; Silvis, IL

Application released: February 7th; Application deadline: March 26th; Participants announced: May 2nd

Purpose: Participants will submit a written essay for the opportunity to win a \$5,000 college scholarship plus the opportunity to be a VIP guest and pro-am participant at the John Deere Classic in Silvis, IL. The essay should focus on how the students are a 'Power for Good' through service to their communities, schools, and/or neighborhoods. The essay should include a summary of the impact of their efforts and how their work is connected to the values learned through The First Tee and the game of golf.

Selection: 3 participants

- Minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the JDC and not reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event.
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of Spring semester 2018
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants



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International Junior Golf Academy Training Program (IJGA)

Date: June 10-16; Bluffton, SC (subject to change)

Purpose: Through a partnership between The First Tee and the [International Junior Golf Academy](#) (IJGA), participants are selected to attend a training at the IJGA in Hilton Head, S.C. This week-long academy is intended for players within the chapter network who want to improve their golf game and get a chance to interact with participants from around the country. Participants will be able to hone their golf skills through training via the IJGA instructors, which include collegiate coaches and golf professionals. Additionally, the participants will get an opportunity to showcase their life skills throughout the week through interaction with other participants and instructors, dorm living, extracurricular activities and guest speakers.

See chapter intranet for more information

- The home office will not hold a formal application process for this opportunity. Participants wishing to attend this Academy should register directly with the IJGA. The IJGA will continue to offer the discounted rate for The First Tee juniors.

College Golf Prep Academy

Date: July 10-16; West Palm Beach, FL

Application released: February 7th; Application deadline: April 2nd; Participants announced: May 30th

Purpose: This week-long academy is intended for advanced players within the chapter network who are pursuing collegiate golf. The academy provides the competitive experience of playing for a college golf team combined with the college experience through rigorous practice and training, tournament play, dorm living, recruiting education and pertinent guest speakers. Participants will cultivate and develop the golf skills, life skills and health & wellness aspects associated with competing at a higher level.

Selection: 24 participants; 12 male & 12 female

- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the event and must not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018 ***NEW in 2019* we will no longer accept graduating seniors to apply (classified as high school seniors as of spring semester 2019).**
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie-certified level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 12 or better for males and 14 or better for females.
- Each chapter may nominate up to 2 participants



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USGA Learning Science Through Golf Academy

Date: July 2018 (TBD); Far Hills, NJ

Application released: February 7th; **Application deadline:** April 2nd; **Participants announced:** May 30th

Purpose: The USGA's expertise in the areas of research, science and innovation is of growing importance and touches on every aspect of golf, including a greater understanding of the intersection between science and environmental stewardship. Participants will have hands-on access to the USGA Research & Test Center, a facility that supports the research and development of solutions for the betterment of the game, and also includes the USGA's proprietary golf club and ball testing equipment. Participants will learn from highly educated and skilled USGA engineers and scientists whose work is focused on advancing the game forward through an understanding, and application, of research, science and innovation for all those who play it.

Selection: 24 participants

- Age 14-18 years old. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the event and must not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Geared toward participants with an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Each chapter may nominate up to **2** participants

Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy

Date: July 25-31; East Lansing, MI

Application released: February 7th; **Application deadline:** April 2nd; **Participants announced:** May 30th

Purpose: To develop and educate our participants in multiple aspects such as life skill development through engaging golf activities, college preparatory and dorm living, and career exploration, all while having the opportunity to play championship golf and develop lifelong friendships. Through the week they are inspired to consider how they can return to their chapters and communities and be a leader and role model for other participants.

Selection: 96 participants

- Age 14-18 years old. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the event and must not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Participants must provide a golf resume
- Each chapter may nominate up to **three** participants



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CoBank PEAK Performers

Date: August 21-24, 2018; Colorado Springs, CO

Application released: March 7th; Application deadline: May 7th; Participants announced: June 27th

Purpose: This event provides participants the opportunity to play a round of golf with World Golf Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam at the world-renowned Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, CO. In addition to playing golf with Annika, participants will spend a day visiting some of Colorado's most famous landmarks in the Pikes Peak area including the United States Air Force Academy.

Selection: 8 participants

- Age 14-18 years old. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the event and must not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2018
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 10 or better for males and 12 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants (it is recommended chapters submit one boy and one girl)

Coca-Cola – America's Future Date:

September 19-22; Atlanta, GA

Application released: May 16th; Application deadline: July 9th; Participants announced: August 8th

Purpose: This event gives five participants the opportunity to fly to Atlanta for four days, spend the day at the Coca-Cola Company, visit attractions in the heart of downtown and attend the TOUR Championship. The participants chosen should be active in their community and local chapter and must exhibit the core values of The First Tee in their everyday lives. Throughout the week, the participants will meet with executives and take part in interviews to determine the winner of a \$5,000 scholarship; the four remaining runners-up will each receive a \$1,000.

Selection: 5 participants

- Classified as a high school senior as of fall semester of the 2018
- Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale*
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply



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PURE Insurance Championship

Date: September 25-October 1; Pebble Beach, CA Application released: February 7th; Application deadline: May 14th; Participants announced: June 27th

Purpose: The PURE Insurance Championship is a premier event intended to showcase the best participants in The First Tee network. An official PGA TOUR Champions event at Pebble Beach Golf Links on the Monterey Peninsula, the tournament pairs one junior with a PGA TOUR Champions player and two amateurs. To be selected, juniors are measured in both golf proficiency and life skills knowledge. The tournament is televised nationally on Golf Channel.

Selection: 81 participants

- Participants must be in the 14 – 18 age range. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before September 25, 2018. Applicants must not reach their 19th birthday before October 1, 2018
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of fall semester 2018. High school seniors at the time of application deadline are not eligible to apply, as they will be full-time college students or 19 years old at the date of the event.
- Acceptable Golf Ability – must have a USGA handicap of 6 or better for males and 8 or better for females
- Players must be physically and mentally able to play up to 5 rounds in one week, while walking, carrying their own bag, and keeping pace of play according to the PGA TOUR Rules and Competitions guidelines
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting The First Tee. We encourage the participants to reflect the diversity (age, ethnicity, gender, etc.) of the chapter.
- Participants who previously attended the event are not eligible.



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Below is a list of Alumni Only Events and their eligibility requirements:

PwC Executive Forum

Date: May 10-13; Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Purpose: Each May, PwC invites alumni of The First Tee to attend their Executive Forum which takes place during THE PLAYERS Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. The forum will raise alumni's awareness of corporate America, learn more about the business of a top accounting firm, and meet client executives who will be in attendance. Topics discussed in depth include:

- Global issues
- Enterprise-wide risk management
- Corporate social responsibility
- Corporate governance

One of the alumni will be asked to speak to the group during one of the formal gatherings regarding their experience in The First Tee and their first year of college.

Application released: February 7th; Application deadline: March 12th; Participants announced: April 4th

- Must be enrolled in The First Tee Alumni Network
- This opportunity is limited to The First Tee Alumni who are freshmen in college at the time of application deadline
- In order to apply, you must be majoring in one of the following subjects: Accounting, Finance, Business, Marketing or Economics
- Application will be announced on the Alumni E-News and posted on The First Tee Alumni webpage
- Alumni that are selected by the home office and must be available to travel to Ponte Vedra during the week of May 10-13. The event takes place in conjunction with THE PLAYERS Championship, an official PGA TOUR event.



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Following is a list of academic opportunities along with each of their minimum eligibility requirements:

A/B Honor Roll

- The First Tee recognizes outstanding academic achievement of all participants through its A/B Honor Roll program. Chapters report to the home office their participants who have earned all A's and/or B's (or the equivalent) on their report cards. A Certificate of Achievement is signed by The First Tee Chief Executive Officer, Keith Dawkins and distributed to those participants who earned A/B Honor Roll. While A/B Honor Roll can be entered into the Participant Database at any time of the year, certificates will be printed and sent to the chapter after the following deadlines:

Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 deadline: November 30, 2018
ABHR Announced: December 15, 2018

- All participants, regardless of age, are eligible for this recognition. ZONE credit for A/B Honor Roll (ZONE item 28) can be earned when a chapter submits a total of 25 participants and increases the number of submittals from the previous school year's numbers.

Scholars Program

Application released: January 24th; Application deadline: February 26th; Scholars announced: March 21st

- Applicants must be seniors in high school
- **Academic**
 - Must score a minimum of 19 on the ACT and a minimum of 500 on both parts of the SAT
 - Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale
- **Character, Leadership, Chapter and Community Participation**
 - Evidence of leadership positions held
 - Involvement in chapter activities, such as mentoring, at the time of application
 - Evidence of responsible citizenship through meaningful involvement in community or civic activities
- **The First Tee Participation**
 - Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline
 - Registered and active in The First Tee database at the home office
 - Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie at the time of application deadline