

2017 KPGA

Player Development Grant Application

Each year funds are granted to deserving programs across the state of Kentucky. These programs can offer scholarships, provide clubs for kids, educate individuals about the game of golf, promote the development of golf for seniors, juniors and women and provide opportunities for golf instruction. **The Player Development Grant Application deadline is January 31, 2017.** Each program granted funds is required to complete a Grant Report Form and return it along with any supporting materials (i.e. curriculum, applications, media coverage, photos, etc.). Failure to return a completed Grant Report Form by November 1, 2017 may result in the denial of all future requests for assistance, as well as, reporting the failure to the KPGA Membership.

Program Name: **Kentucky PGA Junior Tour**

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Request Amount: **\$5,000** **Fund Request Date:** **March 1, 2017**

1) Please describe the nature and mission of the program.

The amount requested would kick start a Player Grant Fund for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. The Player Grant Fund would be available for any household with an income less than the Average Household Income from the US Census Bureau using a 5-year estimate adjusted for inflation. The current Average Household Income is \$60,031. Any family with an income less than that amount could apply for a Player Grant that would cover the cost of Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership and entry into two single-day tournaments.

The amount requested would sit in a designated fund that can only be used toward Player Grants until the fund is exhausted. Grants to 18-Hole Division players would transfer \$200 to Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership/Entries account, and the amount would be \$170 for 9-Hole Division players.

A form for Grant Requests would be placed under the “Scholarship and Grants” page on the Golf House Kentucky website. Submitted Grant Requests will be reviewed by the Kentucky Golf

Foundation's Junior Golf Committee consisting of the Executive Director, Director of Junior Programs, PJ Boatwright Intern (Junior Programs), and 4 At-Large selections (currently Grover Justice, Chris Osborne, Jim Thompson, and Kellie Lee). Any grant request marked approved by a majority of the Committee would be added as a Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Member with credit toward two single-day events.

The mission of the Player Grant Fund would be to allow individuals an opportunity to compete on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour to showcase their skills and gain additional experience in tournament golf. The financial support is geared toward individuals who may not otherwise afford to compete at this level. The program will be advertised through our website and through communication with First Tee Chapters in Kentucky.

2) How is the program structured (i.e. classes, clinics, tournaments); what is the length of the program?

The Grant Requests would cover the cost of Tour Membership and 2 single-day events. The program is structured to extend beyond the amount requested to start the program. The Junior Golf Committee has discussed plans to develop a Grant and Scholarship Program as an added benefit for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour members in the future. The Kentucky Golf Foundation Trustees has approved the development of Grant Programs with future discussions on the scholarship component.

3) Where is the program held?

Kentucky PGA Junior Tour events take place at golf courses throughout the state of Kentucky. Events take place from Paducah in Western Kentucky to Wasioto Winds GC in southeast Kentucky to Paintsville/Prestonsburg/Ashland in Eastern Kentucky to Northern Kentucky. The event schedule currently consists of 44 full field single-day events and 12 additional 9-Hole Series events.

4) How many participants does the program have or how many do you anticipate?

The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour had 579 members in 2016, and we anticipate 630 members in 2017. Total participation in 2016 included 965 different players including entries in the KPGA Middle School Championship and KHSAA High School State Championship.

5) Describe the composition and background of participants (age, socio-economic background, gender, golf skill).

Our Tour consists of participants 18 years of age or younger of all genders and various skill levels. The expense of competing as a Member may limit families below the Average Household Income from competing at this level. The Player Grant Fund is designed to allow more players to experience Tour golf as a member of the Tour. Players that receive a Grant will also have the opportunity to register for additional events on our Tour Schedule. Their participation could lead to a spot in our Tour Championship where players can showcase their skills as they build a resume that could lead to playing golf in college.

- 6) How will the funds be utilized? Please provide specific, detailed examples of expected purchases, scholarships given, costs of equipment, labor budget, etc.

As mentioned in Question 1, a Grant Request Form will be available for families to complete. This form will include information about the household income and reason for needing assistance from the Grant Fund. Information about the goals of the Junior Golfer and previous golf experience will also be included. 100% of the requested amount will be distributed through the Player Grant Fund with no costs toward any other expense. An accepted Grant Request to an 18-Hole Division player will equal \$200 from the total Fund and \$170 for a 9-Hole Division player.

- 7) Did the program participate in the 2016 Kentucky PGA Golf Day?

The program did not participate in the 2016 Kentucky PGA Golf Day, but Chris Redle did participate in the 2012 and 2014 Kentucky PGA Golf Day. In 2012, Chris developed a group 100-Hole Golf Day that included 7 other Professionals, and Chris completed 100-holes with Eric Gilliland in 2014.

- 8) What are the other sources of funding for this program?

The Junior Golf Committee is looking at ways to partner future sponsorship of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour with a portion of that sponsorship being allocated to a Scholarship and Grant Fund for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. The amount requested would go exclusively to the Grant Fund. In addition to sponsorship generating future funding, the Committee is looking to develop a "Golf Fore Kids" program where Junior Tour members can generate funds similar to Kentucky PGA Golf Day.

- 9) Please list two references we may contact about your application. Please include full name, address, phone number and relationship to the program.

Jim Thompson, 401 Mallard Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601 - Junior Golf Committee member, KGA Board Members and Rules Official at numerous KY PGA Junior Tour events

Chris Osborne, 111 Laurel Drive, Bardstown, KY 40004 - Junior Golf Committee member, Past KPGA/KGF President, Junior Tour parent, and Host Professional of single-day events and Championships for KY PGA Junior Tour

- 10) Provide suggested dates for a Kentucky Golf Foundation representative to visit the program:

A KGF representative is welcome at any Tour event, and the Tour Director reports to the KGF Trustees at regular meetings.

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