

## PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: **Andrew Santiago Caldwell**

Address: **418 Helton Road**

City: **Calvin**

State: **KY**

Zip: **40977**

Date of Birth: **03/19/2002**

High School: **Bell County**

Currently, I am a high school: ☒ **x-8** Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Parent Phone #: **606-499-2099**

Applicant Email: **andrewcaldwell22@yahoo.com**

Parent/Guardian's Email: **donniecaldwellpga@yahoo.com**

## PART II - APPLICANT ESSAY

- Please explain why you feel as though you deserve to be awarded a Gay Brewer, Jr. Grant
- Essay must be typed and double spaced
- Essay should be no more than two pages

## PART III - PERFORMANCE RECORD

- Please provide your performance record for at least the last two years
- Record should include scores in addition final results
- Performance Record must be typed

## PART IV - PARENT OR GUARDIAN NARRATIVE

- Please provide a short narrative why applicant deserves to be awarded a Gay Brewer, Jr. Grant
- Financial need is an important factor in determining recipients, thus include financial need in narrative

## SUBMISSION

Return Application by mail with Part II, III and IV to:

Kentucky Golf Foundation  
Attention: Gay Brewer, Jr. Grant  
1116 Elmore Just Drive  
Louisville, Kentucky 40245

OR by email to:

Connie Saner  
[csaner@kygolf.org](mailto:csaner@kygolf.org)

Applications must be received at Golf House Kentucky  
by 4 pm on May 5, 2017

**Andrew Santiago Caldwell**

**Age 15**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Bell Central School Center**

**Why Should I Be Chosen For The Gay Brewer Grant**

Kentucky has one Master's Champion so far, Mr. Gay Brewer. He played our golf course before he passed away but I was too little to remember. He gave my Dad a glove from his round and my Dad gave it to me. Mr. Gay Brewer's foot-joy glove hangs in my room by my Augusta Picture as a reminder that it is possible for a Kentucky boy to dream big. I have been a fan of the new Kentucky stars as well. I remember cheering for Kenny Perry when he got close to winning and also JB Holmes. Now, we cheer on Justin Thomas hoping for a Kentuckian to win a major again.

I think it is awesome that a man can pass away but he is still known for his major accomplishments. He has a course named for him, he has a major title, and he helps other young golfers reach their dreams by helping pay the way in a game that can be too expensive. My family saves up each year to try to send me across the state in tournaments. I know it is a risk if I only go to win. It is tough to be on top of your game every week. Last year, I was on my game, and then I had a nail go through my foot helping my dad work on a building. I went to play at Kearney Hills in the PGA Junior Series two days after my injury and I played with the shanks... I eventually got over it and am back competing well now.

Even though my dad is a golf pro, he can't send me everywhere I want to go because it is expensive trying to pay for hotels and entry fees. My Mom and my Grandparents help too by letting us stay in their RV when we go by Bardstown. My brother is in college and my sister is a junior in high school. There are many kids who could benefit from Mr. Gay Brewer's grant help, I am one of those kids. I am also a participant of The First Tee Pine Mountain so it would be advertisement to The First Tee that his impact is reaching the mountains of Kentucky too.

This year I will get to see a PGA Tour player up close. I was selected to participate in The Perfect Sense Digital ProAm in Washington DC as part of the Quicken Loans National. I am thrilled to get to see in person what I have dreamed about. My Dad also tries to find a way to get me to The Masters every year but so far I haven't seen it. Maybe, one day I can walk those fairways like Mr. Brewer and put on that Green Jacket. Until then, I'll just dream and build up my competitive resume. Each night I lay down I can see that picture of Augusta and put my hand in his glove.

Thank You,

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**Tournament Results**

Kentucky Middle School State Tournament	10/1/2016	72	Even	3 <sup>rd</sup> out of 82
Wild Turkey Trace / 6010				
Kentucky Mountain Laurel Golf Classic	5/29/2016	75/70	+1	T-3 of 40
Wasioto Winds Golf Course / 5850				
South East Kentucky Junior Golf Tour	6/13/2016	72	Even	1 <sup>st</sup> of 9
Wasioto Winds Golf Course / 5850				
Kentucky Middle School Regional	9/24/2016	35	Even	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 41
Juniper Hills Golf Course / 3000				
Kentucky Junior PGA Regional	7/12/2015	81/79	+16	1 <sup>st</sup> of 4
Kentucky Dam Village / 6692				
Wasioto Winds Club Championship	8/24/2014	67/63	-11	under 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 51
Wasioto Winds Match Play 2014	8/2015	Champion		1 <sup>st</sup> of 48

- Andrew has won 17 events at The First Tee Pine Mountain Tournament Series
- Andrew has won 1 event at The First Tee Carolina's Academy 12-18 at age 12
- Andrew has won 5 State-wide events for Kentucky Junior PGA
- Andrew shot 45 in his first high school match when he was 10 years old.

This past week, Andrew was awarded one of nine positions for boys of The First Tee nation-wide to participate in The Perfect Sense Digital Pro-Am during the Quicken Loans National Event in Washington DC at TPC Potomac. He gets to play with a PGA Tour Player the week of June 25-29.

- **The First Tee Pine Mountain (2007 to present) Certified: Par, Birdie, Eagle**
- **Registered into ACE Level in 2016**

**The First Tee Competitive Edge 2010 - 2017 (48 competitors/10 schools)**

- **Wasioto Winds Golf Course: Won 1<sup>st</sup> place in 17 events, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 4 times**
- **The First Tee Pine Mountain 2013 Tournament of Champions 5/11/13**

Kentucky Junior PGA - 1<sup>st</sup> 81/79

18 Hole Boys 13-14

- Kentucky Dam Village (Par: 72 Distance: 5852 Rating: 70.4 Slope: 121)

Kentucky Junior PGA 2016 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 85/78

18 Hole Boys 13-14

- Juniper Hill Golf Course (Par: 70 Distance: 6035 Rating: 68.3 Slope: 117)

**Andrew has won 7 South East Kentucky Junior Golf Tour events**

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**Volunteer Service:**

UNITE Club: drug prevention strategies and events

Student Coach for LPGA Girls Golf and The First Tee PLAYer, Par, Birdie Levels

Student Mentor for Little Linksters & for Bell County Basketball middle school

Volunteer Instructor at Challenger Academy Science Program

Activities Volunteer for HOFNOD, UNITE Club, Kids Fest, Family Movie Nights

Student member of First Priority Christian Ministry

Tentative tournament schedule is:

Kentucky Junior PGA:

June 7/8 Junior PGA Qualifier

June 10/11 KPGA Regional Wasioto Winds

June 25-29 PGA Tour Pro-Am Washington DC TPC Potomac Perfect Sense Digital

July 11 KPGA Jr. Eagle's Nest

Aug 26

Sept 10 Bardstown

South East Kentucky Junior Golf Tour:

June 1 Battlefield

19 Eagle's Nest

July 6 Wasioto Winds

10 London CC

12 Gibson Bay

17 Crooked Creek

This would be expanded greatly if awarded

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**Parent Narrative**

When I was a junior golfer, I played in The Ponte Vedra Back To School Invitational. I recognize this is a premier event and would love to have my son travel to Jacksonville and represent Kentucky. I am thankful that the Gay Brewer opportunity considers the financial need for talented golfers in the Commonwealth. My son has a gift and a great attitude for tournament golf. He practices hard, helps his local chapter of The First Tee and is very respectful of elders. Even though I am a PGA Golf Professional my choice in career has put me getting paid in other means than financially. I choose to help promote golf in the mountains and grow the game in unlikely areas - in our case, rural Appalachia. My choice to be a Golf Professional in this location hinders my personal children even though it may help many others. I am hindered financially to promote my son to expand his competitive endeavors.

We recently lost our compensation at The First Tee Pine Mountain and I may have to change locations or strategies after 16 years embracing this hidden part of the state. Being a Golf Professional for Kentucky State Parks is a meager and less than humble \$25,000 a year. Which makes it nearly impossible to raise three children. It feels vulnerable to share this and in some ways embarrassing that I may be helping other children but hindering mine in the process. On a positive note, I am blessed to have my children and I am proud of each of them. Andrew is a special athlete and will do well embracing his opportunities.

Donnie A. Caldwell, PGA