

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

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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

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

Applicant Essay

My name is Olivia Hensley, I am a freshman at Boyd County High School. I live in Ashland, Kentucky. My family is an average family, just my mom, dad, and me. My mom and dad both work full time, my dad works at a carbon plant, and my mom works as a public school teacher. We live in a one story house across the street from a store called "Rural King", where you can find any farming, hunting, and camping essential that you need. If that lets you know what kind of place Ashland is, it is not the sort of place to grow up when you play competitive golf. The closest driving range is thirty minutes away in Ohio, and one of the few public courses left in the area just shut down this year.

Being from such a geographical disadvantage, money is essential for my family. With bills, groceries, clothes, and utilities, my mom and dad surrender a lot of money. That's not including the cost for me to play golf such as tournaments, lessons, and traveling. My parents work hard so that I can play the game that I love, so I always put forth 100% effort every time that I am on the course. With all of this being said, I think that I am a prime candidate to receive this scholarship. I truly believe that it will make a huge impact and greatly help relieve some of the burden on my family.

Whenever I first started playing golf, I had no idea that I would get to the point that I am at today. When I walk through the hallways at school sometimes I get congratulated for what I have done, whether it be for making it in the paper last year when I won regionals and being the regional player of the year, or for making it to the

regional Drive, Chip & Putt competition at Oakmont Country Club. When I think about golf it reminds me that I'm playing a sport that not everyone plays, a sport that sets me aside from everyone else. My teachers always ask me about my game and it makes me feel so proud that I am participating in this sport. I love playing golf because it is always challenging me to do better than the last time that I played. What I have learned while playing golf is that it is extremely difficult, but completely worth it. I have formed so many friendships while playing this game, and some of the best memories of my life. I truly love this game and appreciate everything that it has to offer.

One of the off course difficulties is the financial cost it takes to be a competitive junior golfer. Whenever we leave for a tournament we start packing two days prior. This includes packing snacks, coolers, clothes, clubs, shoes, and much more because my tournaments are most often several hours drive away. Tournament entry fees range from \$100-\$300 now as I am starting to play two to three day venues. This doesn't include hotels, gas, and food to name a few things that we have to pay for at each tournament. The lessons that I take are also a two hour drive away and they are very expensive. We drive a total of four hours every Sunday just for lessons.

If I am awarded this scholarship, I will put the money towards important things like paying entry fees and traveling to tournaments. Everything that I will put this money towards will help to improve my game and it will not go to waste. My love for this game is infinite, and my goal is to continue playing competitive golf for as long as I can. If I am awarded this grant, I will do my very best to make the committee proud.

Olivia Hensley

DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT
2016

QUALIFIER AT MAN OF WAR GOLF CENTER

Lexington, KY

1st place overall

Advanced to Sub Regional

SUB REGIONAL AT PERSIMMON RIDGE GOLF CLUB

Louisville, KY

2nd place overall

Advanced to Regional

REGIONAL AT OAKMONT COUNTRY CLUB

Plum, PA

3rd place overall

1st place in Drive competition

**PERFORMANCE RECORD
OLIVIA HENSLEY**

**2016 KY JUNIOR PGA TOUR
18 HOLE DIVISION**

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE	FINAL RESULT
4/16/16-4/17/16	JUNIPER HILLS GC	89-92	6 th place
05/15/16	WILD TURKEY TRACE	98	8 th place
06/04/16	BARDSTOWN CC	87	3 rd place
6/6/16-6/7/16	PGA CHAMP. QUAL BARDSTOWN CC	89-84	9 th place
06/16/16	U. CLUB OF KY WILDCAT	84	2 nd place
06/17/16	WINCHESTER CC	77	1 st place
06/27/16	CHAMPION TRACE GC	94	6 th place
06/28/16	KEENE RUN GC	90	4 th place
07/05/16	BELLEFONTE CC	82	1 st place
07/11/16	GREENBRIER CC	85	2 nd place
7/21/16-7/22/16	KEENE RUN GC	90-80	5 th place

**PERFORMANCE RECORD
OLIVIA HENSLEY**

2016 KHSAA TOURNAMENTS

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE	FINAL RESULT
05/21/16	MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTERS BATTLEFIELD COURSE	73	1 st place
07/30/16	KJGF BIG DADDY CLASSIC CAMPBELLSVILLE CC	87	9 th place
08/01/16	ASHLAND TEE CATS BELLEFONTE CC	82	1 st place
08/06/16	VILLA MADONNA PIONEER COURSE	80	18 th place
08/13/16	MONTGOMERY CLASSIC INDIAN CREEK COURSE	82	5 th place
08/20/16	JOY OF GOLF WILD TURKEY TRACE COURSE	83	14 th place
09/17/16	MERCER CO. INV. DANVILLE CC	80	2 nd place
09/24/16	EAGLE TRACE INV. EAGLE TRACE COURSE	81	T 5 th place
09/26/16	REGION 11 TOURN. HIDDEN COVE COURSE	81	1 st place
10/4/16-10/5/16	KHSAA STATE TOURN. BOWLING GREEN CC	83-80	T 24 th place

PERFORMANCE RECORD
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2016-2017 GOLF WEEK JUNIOR TOUR

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE	FINAL RESULT
5/28/16-5/30/16	U. CLUB OF KY BIG BLUE	79-73-83	7 th place
3/18/17-3/19/17	KEENE RUN GC	87-88	T 4 th place
4/1/17-4/2/17	U. CLUB OF KY BIG BLUE	79-77	2 nd place
4/8/17-4/9/17	ELKS RUN GC	78-80	2 nd place

PERFORMANCE RECORD
OLIVIA HENSLEY

2015 KY JUNIOR PGA TOUR
9 HOLE DIVISION

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE	FINAL RESULT
04/25/15	LAKESIDE	52	2 nd place
5/16/15-5/17/15	JUNIPER HILL	45-47	2 nd place
06/04/15	CONNEMARA	41	1 st place
06/05/15	WINCHESTER CC	41	1 st place
06/10/15	CHERRY BLOSSOM	46	2 nd place
06/19/15	U. CLUB OF UK WILDCAT	54	2 nd place
6/23/14-6/24/15	KEENE RUN	45-47	2 nd place
06/25/15	PICADOME	41	1 st place
06/26/15	EAGLE TRACE	45	1 st place
6/30/15-7/1/15	KY JUNIOR AM MY OLD KY HOME	43-47	1 st place
07/06/15	GREENBRIER CC	40	1 st place
07/13/15	BELLEFONTE CC	47	2 nd place
07/24/15	WILD TURKEY TRACE	39	1 st place
7/28/15-7/29/15	HARMONY LANDING TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP	37-44	1 st place

**PERFORMANCE RECORD
OLIVIA HENSLEY**

2015 KHSAA TOURNAMENTS

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE	FINAL RESULT
05/02/15	MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTERS BATTLEFIELD COURSE	87	6 th place
07/31/15	TEE CATS SANDY CREEK COURSE	93	10 th
08/04/15	EAGLE TRACE INV. EAGLE TRACE COURSE	78	4 th place
08/08/15	VILLA MADONNA PIONEER COURSE	88	40 th
08/22/15	MASON CO. INV.	88	7 th place
09/12/15	GRC INV. CASSELL CREEK COURSE	82	15 th place
09/30/15	REGION 11 TOURN. EAGLE TRACE COURSE	79	T 2nd place
10/09/15	KHSAA STATE TOURN. BOWLING GREEN CC	86	MC

PARENT NARRATIVE

“HENSLEY HOLDS UP”

That was the local newspaper headline after Olivia won the 2016 KHSAA 11th regional girls golf tournament as a freshman. As I sat at my desk trying to produce the words to describe my daughter, I looked up and saw that newspaper clipping. It is such a fitting description of Olivia. She holds up through many disadvantages including geographical and financial to name a few. I believe that Olivia holds up so well because she is a strong, persistent, patient, and all around genuine person.

She comes from a middle class family where her father works several overtime shifts every week to help fund Olivia's dream of playing golf in college, and maybe even further. Olivia is not a member of the private local country club because they don't offer a junior membership, and we can't afford the family membership. But she has learned to overcome that obstacle and work harder to achieve her goals. Olivia practices golf year round, whether it be in the makeshift hitting bay in our unheated garage, or at the nearest driving range which is 30 minutes away in Ohio. She has given up many social activities in order to practice or to drive 2 hours away for a lesson. She spends most of her summer playing in tournaments around the state, which have helped her in so many ways.

Olivia is a successful student at Boyd County High School where she maintains a 3.96 GPA, she is a member of Beta club and serves on Student Council. She is well liked by her teachers and peers. She also volunteers to help the middle school golf team in the spring. In addition to all of this, Olivia finds the time to volunteer at her grandmother's homemaker's club. She is devoted to Christ and attends church regularly.

Olivia has had so much success on and off of the golf course, and she has made such good progress that it is very hard for us to not make sacrifices. Although it makes finances very tight, we gladly give up non essentials so that we can pay for lessons, tournament entry fees, travel to tournaments, and equipment that she needs to continue improving her game. If she were to receive this grant it would help ease our financial burden as she is attempting to enter national tournaments that will incur greater expenses. Olivia is worth every penny that we have invested so far, and I know that she would make the Gay Brewer foundation feel the same way. Olivia Hensley would be a worthy and very appreciative recipient of this grant as she is a great kid who “holds up” and makes her parents and her community very proud.