

2018 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, 2018. 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 January 31, 2018 may result in the denial of all future requests for assistance, as well as, reporting the failure to the KPGA Membership.

Program Name: The First Tee Pine Mountain

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Request Amount: \$5000 **Fund Request Date:** March 15, 2018

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

The First Tee Pine Mountain offers "Competitive Edge" to junior golfers ages 12-18 in Southeast Kentucky to grow the game of golf. It is offered at Pine Mountain State Resort Park to provide accessible golf to juniors who may otherwise not have an opportunity. Our mission is to help these young golfers develop to the extent that they can compete on local high school teams, South East Kentucky Junior Golf Tour, and Kentucky Junior PGA. The participants will receive individual instruction on Mondays and compete on Tuesdays. They will also receive training on goal-setting, and the nine core values of The First Tee curriculum.

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

Mondays are practice days with individual and group golf instruction provided by a PGA Member and college golfers. On Tuesdays, the participants will compete in two divisions: 12-15 and 16 & up. The competition is set on shorter yardages for the younger divisions and more of tournament yardage for the older participants. Competition varies with match play, stroke play, and team events. Rules sessions are provided along with Individual Goal Sessions to help every junior progress and stay in the game. The program lasts for 6 weeks in the spring and 6 weeks in the fall with roughly 50 participants getting exposure to the game in a rural area.

3) Where is the program held?

Pine Mountain State Park Golf Course

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

Competitive Edge routinely brings 50 new golfers to the game each season.
We have 10 area schools represented.

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

Ages 12-18 / Roughly 90 % of our participants come from home situations who cannot afford golf, equipment, or private lessons. We expect to have 40% girls based upon past seasons and our skill ranges from beginner to 2 handicap.

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

Our Professional staff runs this program on their days off and this will compensate the Professional and offset some of the administrative cost for The First Tee.

7) Did the program participate in the 2017 Kentucky PGA Golf Day?

No, the economic pressure allowed only fundraising for the local area.

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

Operation UNITE - Uniforms for the participants
Private Golf Clubs - Donating equipment for golfers
Private Golf Clubs - providing range ball and incentive prizes

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

Darren or Karen Clark - parent of participants / 606-302-6119/ 606-242-7079
312 Cedar Street Pineville, KY 40977

Al Wilford - parent of participant / 606-269-6778 1430 Cumberland Avenue Middlesboro, KY 40965

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

Monday or Tuesday (March - October)

Please return to: **Attn: Connie Saner**
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