

## PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: Lauren Marie Abner

Address: 815 Mary St.

City: Villa Hills

State: Ky

Zip: 41011

Date of Birth: 7/23/2001

High School: Notre Dame Academy

Currently, I am a high school: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☒ Junior ☐ Senior

Parent Phone #: (859) 907-6838

Applicant Email: AbnerL@ndapandas.org

Parent/Guardian's Email: Lindamabner@gmail.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 to final results
- Performance Record must be typed

## PART VI – 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 VI 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 p.m. on May 4, 2018

Lauren Abner

815 Mary St.

Villa Hills, KY 41017

May 4, 2018

Gay Brewer, Jr. Fund 2018 Grant Committee:

I discovered the wonderful sport of golf four years ago. My parents took me to the Memorial Golf tournament in Columbus, Ohio. After that weekend, I was hooked. I joined the LPGA Summer League with some friends and fell in love with the sport.

My golf playing experience started off rough, but I was determined to learn the game of golf. I looked forward to all of the hard work and dedication that it would take to get better. My goal was to play for my high school team, Notre Dame Academy (NDA) in Park Hills, KY. After only playing golf for three months, I decided my freshman year to try out for the NDA Golf Team. I was not the greatest, but my coach saw potential in me and placed me on the developmental team. We practiced weekly, took lessons, and learned golf etiquette. My sophomore year, I was placed on the JV team at the beginning of the season, and by the end, I was playing between the fourth and fifth spots on our Varsity Team. Also that year, I placed first in the JV Golf Tournament and also received the 'Panda' team award for my dedication and improvement. My junior year, I played the number one position on the varsity team and I plan to keep that position for my senior season. I received the NDA 'MVP' Team Award last season.

During the off season, I enjoy the higher level of competition by playing in golf tournaments on the GCGA, Golf Weekly, and the KYPGA Junior Tours. These tournaments have played a large part in improving my game. From my sophomore year to my junior year of high school, my handicap improved 15+ points to 12.9. I am currently ranked among the Top 15

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players age 13-18 with the Greater Cincinnati Golf Association for Player of the Year Award. I have won one KY PGA Junior Tour Tournament, placed second in another, and finished in the top ten in several others. My dream is to play golf on the collegiate level!

Over the past four years, I have taken weekly lessons – both private and group. My swing coach offered me a position as an eLeader (volunteer) to assist her with LPGA Girls Golf events throughout the summer. Golf has had a major impact on my life for the little amount of time I have been playing. I have learned many things, but most of all, patience and perseverance. You can succeed one day and not the next, but it is okay. Tomorrow is another day! Just keep trying your best.

My parents, family, and friends have supported me throughout my journey as a golfer. I would not be where I am today without any of them. My parents sacrifice so much for me by sending me to Catholic schools. This alone, I know is a struggle for our family financially. I am the youngest of four children and the sport I have chosen is not cheap.

I would be extremely honored if I was selected to receive the Gay Brewer, Jr. Fund 2018 Grant. As a recipient, I would be able to compete on the Hurricane Tour, the PKB Tour, and possibly qualify for a few AJGA events. Playing these events will help me achieve my dream of playing collegiate golf. I know I am a good candidate to receive this award, because of how far I have come in four short years, my strong work ethic, and passion for golf. If I am selected for this grant I will continue to set new goals and always find ways to better myself, not only in golf, but in my personal life too. Thank you for considering me for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren M. Abner". The ink is dark and the writing is fluid.

Lauren M. Abner

## Lauren Abner's Performance Record '16 – Present

Date	Tour	Tournament	Score	Place
6/6/16	7UP	Kenton Cty	119	12
6/8/16	7UP	Boone Links	118	11
6/30/16	7UP	Eagle Creek CC	118	13
7/12/16	7UP	Twin Oaks	106	16
10/22-23/16	Golfweek	Lassing Pointe	117/95	4
4/1-2/17	Golfweek	UK Big Blue	97/99	15
4/9/17	GCGA	Losantiville	112	8
4/23/17	GCGA	Miami Whitewater	93	T8
5/7/17	GCGA	Walden Ponds	89	T5
5/27/17	KYPGA	Old Bridge	90	5
5/31/17	KYPGA	Cherry Blossom	93	6
6/7/17	GCGA	Boone Links	96	6
6/13/17	GCGA	Twin Oaks	82	2
6/19/17	KYPGA	Bowling Green	99	13
6/29/17	GCGA	Eagle Creek CC	87	4
7/5/17	GCGA	Kenton Cty	83	T3
7/12/17	GCGA	AJ Jolly	91	5
7/18/17	KYPGA	Summit Hills CC	83	1
7/24/17	GCGA	Cincinnati CC	94	10
7/25/17	GCGA	Triple Crown CC	97	T9

### School Tournaments

7/31/17	NDA	Ft Mitchell CC	94	
8/1/17	NDA	Eagle Creek CC	89	
8/2/17	NDA	Lassing Pointe	94	
8/5/17	NDA	Kenton Cty	86	
8/7/17	NDA	Lassing Pointe	83	
8/8/17	NDA	Walden Ponds	88	
8/10/17	NDA	Twin Oaks	88	
8/12/17	NDA	Boone's Trace	90	
8/13/17	NDA	Boone's Trace	84	
8/26/17	NDA	Heritage Hill	82	
9/9/17	NDA	Bowling Green	96	
9/16/17	NDA	Hurstbourne	94	
9/22/17	NDA	Hickory Sticks	86	
9/26/17	NDA	Lassing Pointe	88	
10/14/17	KYPGA	UK Wildcat	93	T8
10/15/17	KYPGA	UK Wildcat	91	T8
10/21/17	Ind. Elite	Winding Ridge	85	
4/8/18	GCGA	Clovernook CC	92	5

## 2018 SPRING/SUMMER GOLF SCHEDULE

		KYPGA	GCGA	Golfweek	USGA	PGA	
• 3/31	S	Griffen Gate-Lexington		\$65			3/26
• 4/8	Sun	Shamrock Jr Classic		\$50			4/1
• 4/7-8	S/S	Elks Run		\$235	AJGA		4/2
• 4/21-22	S/S	Miami University		\$230	AJGA		4/16
• 4/29	Sun	Miami Whitewater		\$40			4/22
• 5/6	S	Lakeside GC		\$65			3/19
• 5/12-13	S/S	NKY Champ NKY CC/Devou		\$90			5/5
• 5/20	Sun	Hickory Jr Cup, Hickory Sticks		\$40			5/13
• 5/26-28	S-M	UK Club Big Blue		\$345	G,N,S		5/21
• 6/4-5	M/T	Twin Classic – Twin Oaks/Reeves		\$90			5/28
• 6/5-8	T-F	Met Women's Am		\$100			5/29
• 6/6	W	Eagle Jr Open – Eagle Creek CC		\$40			5/30
• 6/6-7	W/T	PGA Jr Qualifier Kearney Hills					
• 6/14	Th	WOG Jr Championship		\$40			6/7
• 6/14	Th	USGA Jr Qualifier - Hudson OH		\$75			6/6
• 6/18	M	US Qualifier Owensboro CC		\$75	USGA		6/6
• 6/18-19	M/T	Met Girls Jr Championship		100			6/11
• 6/20	W	Triple Crown		\$65			6/15
• 6/25-26	M/T	Tour Champ – Lassing Pointe		\$90			7/18
• 6/27-28	T/W	PGA Jr Qualifier Blue Ash					
• 6/28-29	T/F	KY Jr Am Champ-Ch Blossom		\$110	AJGA, JGS		6/22
• 7/7	S	Kenton Cty-Pioneer		\$65			7/2
• 7/9	M	KYPGA Jr Arlington Richmond		\$65			7/3
• 7/9-12	M-Th	PGA Jr Championship Kearney		\$			
• 7/18-19	W/T	KY Jr Tour Champ		\$95	AJGA		7/15
• 7/24/25	T/W	KY Women's Open Summit CC		\$130			7/17
• 10/13-14	S/S	Junior Fall Classic		\$110	JGS		10/8

Lauren Abner (Class of 2019)  
815 Mary St.  
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May 3, 2018

Our daughter Lauren, came to us after a family trip to the Memorial Golf Tournament and asked if she could go golfing. We laughed because she had never played before. Putt Putt yes, but never real golf. Of course we said yes. We took her out to a local Par 3 course and whoa boy, was she raw. Lol! Surprisingly she wanted to keep playing. So we got her a beginners set of clubs and off she went. Again to our surprise, she had quickly taken up a love for the game. She went from the putt putt course to wanting to take lessons and going to the driving range almost daily. As parents, we let her try this adventure. And boy, are we glad we did.

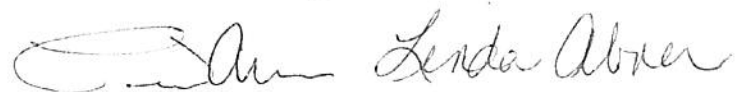
In a very short period of time, she has become a very good golfer. She has taken on a passion for something that she will be able to carry with her, her whole life. It has given her opportunities in volunteering and doing service work for her high school. As well as given her confidence in everyday activities such as school and not being afraid to fail at trying something new. That alone for a young women is such a powerful tool to have.

We as parents want to afford our children every opportunity that comes along. As we grow with Lauren as golf parents, we see her development in this game as a process that needs to be constantly improved on both on the course and off. One major challenge is keeping up with cost of ever changing equipment technology, getting private lessons, and signing up for as many local tournaments as is affordable just to name a few. We feel for her to succeed at a high level of golf, and to be able to compete at the collegiate level, she needs to expand her tournament schedule to include some National tours.

Our four children have gone to very highly rated Catholic and Independent school districts for their primary and secondary education. We place a very high standard on education and by doing so, have given up a lot. Yes, we could have went the route of Public education, but we felt that the way we went was better suited for our children. We don't live a luxury life or anything close to that. We have a very modest home and our kids all had/have jobs in high school. They all have learned the value of money.

Lauren would love to continue her passion of golf and dream of playing collegiately one day. We will do what we need for her to achieve those goals and dreams. By applying for the Gay Brewer, Jr Fund, we are hopeful she will be chosen a recipient to allow her to help fulfill those goals and dreams. As a recipient, it will help afford her to play on a national level and get the experience and exposure to do that. Please consider Lauren for your Award. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Ted Abner' and the signature on the right is 'Linda Abner'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted and Linda Abner