

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: Lauren Marie Abner

Address: 815 Mary St.

City: Village Hills

State: Ky

Zip: 41017

Date of Birth: 7/23/2001

High School: Notre Dame Academy

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

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PART II - APPLICANT ESSAY

- Please explain why you feel as though you deserve to be awarded a Justin Thomas 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

SUBMISSION

Return Application by mail with Part II, III to:

Kentucky Golf Foundation
Attention: Justin Thomas 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

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May 4, 2018

Justin Thomas 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

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 Justin Thomas 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".

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