

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Date of Birth: May 21st, 2003

High School: Shelby County High School

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

Justin Thomas Fund
2018 Grant Application Essay
Natalie “Grace” Clark

Every time I go out and play my mom says to me, “Just go out and play your best and have fun”. You have worked hard for this moment so show them how it’s done.” When I am going through my routine on the tee box or lining up a putt I keep this in mind. I remember the exact time that I started to play. I was in 6th grade and I was wanting to step out and try something new. So, I chose to try out for the dance team. I poured my heart out into the dances and the practices. When it came time to walk up and see who made it I was shocked when I did not see my name on the list. I went home crying, upset, and thinking that I must have not worked hard enough. My whole mindset changed when I put a club in my hand for the first time. A few weeks after trying out for the dance team, my mom took me to Walmart and bought me a cheap set of clubs. I went into my backyard and hit them for the first time. I remember the joy I felt that exact day. Looking back, not making the dance team was a blessing in disguise. From that point on I never looked back. This game has given me so many things. I have friendships that have started on a tee box, I have developed the mentality to never give up, and most importantly a passion and love for the game.

I learned early that there was no substitute for hard work and my parents have always demonstrated this for me. They both have worked very hard to get me what I need. They work full time and my Mom is starting a part-time job to help with the costs of the game. I go to the course daily to practice and I keep these things in mind. All the people who help me unconditionally and my hard work is why I am at the place I am today. I constantly work hard and dedicate myself to the game to achieve my goals. That’s why, every time, before I tee off and I hear the words “Grace, we are so proud of you” come from my parents it makes me appreciate them and the game even more.

My goal is to compete on the collegiate level. More specifically, I would like to receive a scholarship to play for a Division 1 school. This opportunity would help me head in the right direction of this goal. I appreciate this great opportunity to apply for the Justin Thomas Fund. It would help me in so many ways. If I were to receive this grant I would use it for tournament fees, practice round fees, and traveling to play in competitive events. I want to compete in national tournaments and qualifiers so that I can display my name and skills to other areas. I deserve this grant because of my work ethic, perseverance, and my passion. I practice daily specifically on the parts of the game that I know I can improve on. When I shoot a bad score or don't play the way I hoped I would I write down the weaknesses of my game. The next day that I practice I set up drills or work with my swing coach so that I can strengthen that area. I also love to help younger golfers learn the game. It reminds me of how I got started and how I learned to love the game. I hope you will consider me to be a recipient. I will continue to work hard and pursue my passion for the game. As someone once said, "Do it all with passion and hard work, or not at all."

Natalie Grace Clark Golf Performance Record 2016 to Current

Tournament Type	Tournament Name	Date	Location	Yardage	Score	Placement	Total Players
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Spring Team Regional	4/16-17/2016	Juniper Hills Golf Course	5367	95, 94	8th	13
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Summer Series #3	6/2/2016	Kenny Perry's Country Creek Golf Club	5383	87	5th	10
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Summer Series #7	6/13/2016	Bowling Green Country Club	5684	88	4th	13
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Summer Series #9	6/15/2016	Weissinger Hills Golf Course	5413	92	2nd	7
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Summer Series #21	7/8/2016	Henry County Country Club	5384	88	3rd	5
KHSAA	Lady Rocket Classic	7/30/2016	Weissinger Hills Golf Course	5698	90	20th	92
KHSAA	Scott County Girls Invitational	8/1/2016	Greenbrier Country Club	5680	90	22nd	56
KHSAA	Madison County Invitational Tournament	8/5/2016	Boones Trace National Golf Club	5630	88	16th	47
KHSAA	Greenwood Invitational	8/8/2016	Bowling Green Country Club	5579	88	17th	80
KHSAA	Joy of Golf Invitational	8/13/2016	Wild Turkey Trace Golf Club	5644	84	20th	130
KHSAA	Gene Hilien Invitational	9/3/2016	Juniper Hills Golf Course	5670	85	17th	100
KHSAA	Henry Clay Invitational	9/19/2016	Lakeside Golf Course	5804	92	33rd	90
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	KPGA Middle School Regional-FRANKFORT	9/24/2016	Juniper Hills Golf Course	2228	40	1st	14
This was a 9 hole qualifier.							
KHSAA	Region 5 Tournament	9/26/2016	Midland Trail Golf Course	5574	89	21st	81
KHSAA	State Tournament	10/4-5 2016	Bowling Green Country Club Day 1	5816	93, 91	60th	151
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Match Play	3/25-3/26/17	Old Bridge Golf Course	2714	1st place	1st	12
Played 4 9-hole matches-Girls High School Champ & overall champion							
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Spring Stableford #2	4/8/2017	Weissinger Hills Golf Course	5413	85	1st	7
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Spring Stableford #3	4/9/2017	Quail Chase Golf Course	5314	82	1st	6
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Spring Series #1	4/15/2017	Juniper Hills Golf Course	5367	83	2nd	8
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Spring Series #4	5/13/2017	Edwin J Paxton Park Golf Course	5307	83	3rd	8
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Summer Series #4	6/1/2017	The Pines at Lindsey Wilson	5377	86	3rd	5
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Summer Series #5	6/2/2017	Lakewood Country Club	5234	84	3rd	5
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Junior PGA Championship Qualifier	6/7-8 2017	University Club-Big Blue Course	5599	82, 84	26th	50
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Summer Series #16	6/19/2017	Bowling Green Country Club	5605	84	3rd	17
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship	6/27-28 2017	My Old Kentucky Home Golf Course	5730	80, 83	15th	42
KJGF	Trusted Big Choice Qualifier "Big I"	7/5-62017	Oxmoor Country Club	5744	78, 82	6th	17
GOLF HOUSE KY	Kentucky Women's Open	7/18-19 2017	Harmony Landing	6200	87, 88	50th	56
KHSAA	Lady Rocket Invitational	7/28/2017	Weissinger Hills Golf Course	5604	82	16th	101
KHSAA	Lady Titan Challenge	7/31/2017	Shelbyville Country Club	5500	84	8th	63
KHSAA	Nelson County Invitational	8/12/2017	Woodlawn Springs Golf Course	5605	81		
KHSAA	Joy of Golf Invitational	8/19/2017	Wild Turkey Trace Golf Club	5644	90		120
KHSAA	Bluegrass Invitational	8/26/2017	Heritage Hill Golf Course	5630	81		101
KHSAA	Gene Hilien Invitational	9/2/2017	Juniper Hills Golf Course	5670	84		
KHSAA	Women's BGIT	9/9/2017	Bowling Green Country Club	5682	84		

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KHSAA	Henry Clay Invitational	9/16/2017	Lakeside Golf Course	5804	82	8th	80
KHSAA	Region 5 Tournament	9/26/2017	Shelbyville Country Club	5500	82	7th	73
KHSAA	State Tournament	10/6-7 2017	Bowling Green Country Club	5816	78, 79	15th	152
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Spring Classic	4/14-15 2018	Juniper Hills Golf Course	5367	79, 85	4th	21
PGA JUNIOR TOUR	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour-Match Play	04/28-04/29/18	Old Bridge Golf Course	2714	1st place	1st	9

Played 2 9-hole matches (received bye on first 2)-Girls High School Bracket Champ & overall runner-up

OTHER GOLF ACHIEVEMENTS

KHSAA Region 5 Team Runner Up	September 2015
Shelby County Lady Rockets Most Improved Player	November 2015
PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE MVP	August 2016
PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE All-Star Team	July-August 2016
KHSAA Region 5 Team Runner Up	September 2016
KHSAA State Tournament Team Runner-Up	October 2016
KHSAA All Region Team - Region 5	November 2016
Shelby County Lady Rockets Most Improved Player	November 2016
Sentinel News Athlete of the Month	July 2017
KHSAA Region 5 Team Runner Up	September 2017
2017-18 Courier Journal Girls All-Area Golf Team	January 2018
JB Holmes Cup Kentucky Team (Campbellsville Country Club)	October 2017

(Helped lead Kentucky team to overall win against team JB Holmes.)

Grace Clark Summer Golf Schedule 2018

April		
14-15	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Spring Regional, Juniper Hills, Frankfort, KY
21-22	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	4-Ball Championship, Audubon Country Club, Louisville, KY
28-29	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Match Play, Old Bridge, Danville, KY
May		
1	Don Fightmaster Golf Outing	Volunteer Event, Long Run Golf Course, Louisville, KY
6	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Stableford Series, Lakeside, Lexington, KY
30	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Spring Combo Regional, Kenny Perry's CC, Franklin, KY
31	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Spring Combo Regional, Indian Hills, Bowling Green, KY
June		
6-7	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	PGA Junior Championship Qualifier, Kearney Hills, Lexington, KY
9-10	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Marshall Strong Classic, Calverty City CC, Calverty City, KY
18	USGA	Qualifier, Owensboro Country Club, Owensboro, KY
25	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Bowling Green Country Club, Bowling Green, KY
28-29	Kentucky PGA Junior Tour	Kentucky Junior AM Championship, Cherry Blossom, Georgetown, KY
July		
5-6	Trusted Big Choice	Big I Qualifier, Quail Chase, Louisville, KY
23-26	Bubba Conlee	Bubba Conlee, Quail Ridge Golf Course, Bartlett, TN
27	Girls KHSAA High School Tournament Season Begins	

Bubba Conlee is tentative based on acceptance. We will know on May 4th. Alternate to this is the Western Girls Championship in Ohio and the Kentucky Women's Open.