

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: Olivia Florence DiPaolo

Address: 14877 Cool Springs Blvd.

City: Union State: KY Zip: 41091

Date of Birth: 9/18/2001

High School: Larry A. Ryle 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 Grant Application - Olivia DiPaolo

I am honored to be considered for the Justin Thomas Grant. I have been playing competitive golf since age 10. I've been around the game of golf my whole life. I got my first set of clubs when I was 4 years old. I have 2 sisters that also play competitive golf. My dad has been our only coach. It has been a great experience to grow up playing the sport I love with my family by my side.

I am a very hard worker both on and off the course. I have a 4.29 GPA with a schedule that includes AP and honors classes. I have a 32 on my ACT and am scheduled to take it again in June. I'm a bit of a perfectionist and I want to keep working at things until I get the best possible score/outcome. This is my biggest challenge in the game of golf - trying to hit every shot perfect. I work very hard at my game. I practice and/or play every day for 11 months out of the year. This requires a lot of indoor practice in the off-season, but it doesn't stop me from working at my game. None of my friends really understand how much work is involved in the game of golf. This can be frustrating at times when they don't understand why I am never available to hang out. However, it's one of the things that I like best about the sport - it is something that you have to work extremely hard at and when you are good at it, it really sets you apart. My mom has always told me that "hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard" and "if you can't outplay them, outwork them." While I do believe I also have talent, I have always worked extremely hard at my game. It has always been a dream of mine to play at the D1 collegiate level. I have a sister who is graduating this year. She has signed to play golf for Bellarmine University. I have always worked harder and scored better than her, which is why I feel that I can play at the D1 level. I also have a 13 year old sister who plays competitive golf. Having 3 girls to buy equipment, clothes, shoes etc. for can be a bit challenging for my parents.

When you add in the tournament entry fees and travel, it gets very expensive. This is another reason I feel I would be a good candidate for the Justin Thomas Grant. I have had some interest from D1 coaches. My top 2 school choices are located in Nashville, TN. If I received the Grant, I would like to be able to play some events in TN with the hopes of those coaches coming to watch me compete. I have included my resume which shows my performance record and results. This year, my average drive is 251, my fairways hit are 85%, GIR are 67%. I just placed 2nd in a Hurricane event this past weekend. I had just gotten new clubs a few days before the tournament. I spent a lot of time trying to get used to them and didn't have as much time to work on my short game. That hurt me a bit on day 1. I shot 82 and was 4 shots out of 2nd going in to round 2. I knew what I had to do and my goal was to finish 2nd. I was determined and I persevered to shoot 74 and finish 2nd. I had 5 birdies that helped to off-set the bogies. The trophy from the event is a great reminder for me to never give up and always keep your eyes on the prize.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my Grant application. I am appreciative of anything that is done to help grow the game.

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Personal Information

Graduation Year: 2019

Height: 5'7"

Parents: Nick & Lora DiPaolo

Started Playing Golf: Age 10

Date of Birth: September 18, 2001

Weight: 123

Siblings: Brooklynn (17) & Sophia (12)

Swing Videos: <https://goo.gl/photos/axzndRnStnTtwg4H7>

Personal: I truly enjoy both watching and playing golf. I like the challenge of working hard at something and the fulfillment that comes from seeing my hard work pay off. I hope to continue my golf career in college and beyond. I am undecided on a major, but enjoy finance and photography. I would also like to be involved in the sport of golf in some capacity after college. Sports Psychology is something I would like to pursue as well.

Academic Information

Attending: Larry A. Ryle High School

10379 US Hwy. 42

Union, KY 41091

Phone: 859-384-5300

Principal: Matthew Turner

Current Grade: Junior

ACT: 32

GPA: 4.29

Intended Major: Finance

Extracurricular Activities:

FBLA (9th)

Student Council (10th)

Key Club (10th)

National Honor Society (10th, 11th)

Ryle Bible Study (10th, 11th)
Chick Fil A Leadership Academy (11th)
Young Life (11th)

Athletic Information

Middle School Girls Golf Team (7th grade)
Coach: Amy Tabit 614-397-1358
Middle School Boys Golf Team (8th grade)
Coach: Bill Burton: 706-255-6537
Varsity Golf - Ryle HS (2015-present)
Coach: Nick DiPaolo 614-602-7977
Swing Coach: Nick DiPaolo
Takeaway Golf Academy
614-602-7977
Golf Membership: Triple Crown Country Club
10644 Triple Crown Blvd.
Union, KY 41091
Head Professional: John Kells 859-384-1410
References: Leslie Bender, Sacred Heart Academy Varsity Golf Coach
502-376-1111, bendo331@hotmail.com
Karen Henderson, Notre Dame Academy Varsity Golf Coach
859-760-5771, hendersonk@ndapandas.org

Athletic Honors & Accomplishments

2014/8th Grade

Summer

Junior Golf Classic - OSU Golf Club - 1st Place

School Season

#3 Golfer on very competitive boys team playing from 6000 yds
Medalist 4 times and score used in every match & tournament
Shamrock Invitational - 3rd Place

2015/Freshman

Summer

HIIJGA - Bear Creek - 2nd Place
MDGT - Charlie Vettiner Golf Course - 2nd Place
MDGT - Lassing Pointe - 3rd Place

High School Season

Mason County Invitational - 1st Place (81)
George Rogers Clark Invitational - 2nd Place (71)
Tom Johnson Classic - 4th Place (81)
Conference - (78)
Regional - 2nd Place (78)
KHSAA State Tournament - 84 (missed cut)
First Team All-Region
Northern Kentucky Fall Sports All Star
Most Valuable Golfer - Ryle High School
Scoring Average - 79.4

2016/Sophomore

Summer

(No tournaments played due to sudden, unexpected death in the family and extenuating family circumstances.)

High School Season

Grant County Invitational – 1st Place (73)
Mason County Invitational – 2nd Place (75)
Villa Madonna Invitational – 11th Place (78)
Lady Raider Invitational – 2nd Place (75)
Region 6 Tournament – 3rd Place (79)
KHSAA State Tournament – T30 (83-84)
Northern Kentucky Fall Sports All Star
First Team All-Region
Most Valuable Golfer – Ryle High School
Scoring Average – 80.6

2017/Junior

Spring/Summer

KY Jr. Masters Invitational @ Champions Trace (5687 yds) – 13th (87-80)
MKGT/KIA Classic @ U Club of KY (5775 yds) – 1st (81-85)
Junior PGA Championship Qualifier @ U Club of KY (5599 yds) – T15 (80-79)
KY PGA @ Bowling Green (5605 yds) – 4th (80)
MKGT – Trusted Choice Big I State Qualifier – Oxmoor CC (5737 yds) 9th (80-83)
KY PGA Tour @ TCC 7/12 (5400 yds) 1st (78)
Scoring Average – 81.3

High School Season

Lady Rocket Classic – Weissinger Hills (5565 yds) placed 11/100 – (79)
Grant County Invitational – Eagle Creek (5263 yds) placed 1/67 – (73)
Cooper Classic – Lassing Pointe (5400 yds) placed 4/60 – (73)
Villa Madonna Invitational – Kenton County (5400 yds) placed 6/109 – (75)
Notre Dame Invitational – Twin Oaks (5500 yds) placed T1/73 – (75)
Montgomery County Invitational – Indian Creek (5400 yds) placed 1/88 – (70)
Bluegrass Invitational – Heritage Hill (5527 yds) placed T12/93 – (79)
Bowling Green Invitational – Bowling Green (5483 yds) placed 7/98 – (79)
Sacred Heart Invitational – Hurstbourne CC (5564 yds) placed 3/106 – (76)
NKAC Tournament – Hickory Sticks (5278 yds) placed 1/59 – (74)
Regional Tournament – Lassing Pointe (5153 yds) placed 2/72 – (71)
State Championship – Bowling Green (5605, 5816 yds) T8th (72-82)

First Team All State

Region 6 Player of the Year

First Team All Region

Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference Most Outstanding Golfer 2017
Northern Kentucky Fall Sports All Star
Multiple Nominations for Northern KY/Greater Cincinnati Athlete of the Week
Top 3 Finalist – Cincinnati Sports Awards
Outstanding Student Athlete Award – Ryle Sports Fest
Player of the Year – Ryle High School

Leadership Award – Ryle Golf Team
Scoring Average: 75.2
Low Round – 70

2018/Senior

Spring/Summer

Cherry Blossom (5605 yds) placed 7/14 – (77-77)

Elks Run (5635 yds) placed 5/24 – (77-75)

Date	Tour	Event
5/12-5/13	GWJT	Heatherwoode GC
5/19-5/20	HJGT	UK Club
6/6-6/7	KYPGA	Jr. PGA Championship Qualifier at Kearney Hill
6/28-6/29	KYPGA	KY Jr. Amateur Championship at Cherry Blossom
7/5-7/6	KYPGA	Trusted Choice Big I at Quail Chase