



2027 SDGA Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship & Sanford International | Denny Sanford Scholarship

Welcome to the **2027 SDGA Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship Application!**

By completing this single application, graduating high school seniors across South Dakota are considered for two outstanding scholarship opportunities:

- **SDGA Junior Golf Foundation Scholarships:** Continuing our long-standing commitment to supporting South Dakota student-athletes, the Foundation will once again award multiple **\$1,500 scholarships** to graduating seniors attending a two- or four-year post-secondary institution.
- **NEW! Sanford International | Denny Sanford Scholarships:** We are excited to announce the addition of two annual **\$5,000 scholarships!** These new awards recognize "Game Changers"—students whose experiences in golf have shaped their character, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to community service. Two awards will be presented annually: one to a Sioux Falls area resident and one statewide.

Both scholarships support students entering college in the **Fall of 2027**, with awards paid out during the **Spring 2028 semester** upon proof of full-time enrollment. While competitive participation in high school golf, SDGA events, or First Tee is highly valued, applicants do not need to be the top players on the leaderboard to qualify. We are looking for dedicated individuals who embody the values learned through the game.

Please complete all fields below and submit your application along with all required attachments by **May 15, 2027**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

1. Applicants must have lived in the state of South Dakota for a minimum of the past two years.
2. Applicants must be attending a two- or four-year college, university or accredited post-high school institution starting in the fall of 2027.
3. Applicants must complete the online Scholarship Application Form with the following attachments.
 - Cover letter *
 - Golf resume and extracurricular activities document (use template provided at end of this application) *
 - Transcript *
 - Essay *
 - Recommendation letters *
4. Application deadline is **May 15, 2027**

SCREENING OF APPLICANTS

A committee of SDGAJGF Directors will determine scholarship winners. Participation in SDGA events and/or First Tee – South Dakota will be given a high priority. Applicant must be a participant, or dependent of a participant in the SDGA events or an active First Tee – South Dakota participant. In addition, applicants will be judged by their participation in golf at the local club level, their high school academic achievement, First Tee – South Dakota volunteerism, and participation in other high school activities not related to golf, as well as leadership qualities, honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

* Indicates required question

Email address: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Applicant's Name: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Number: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: * Click or tap here to enter text.

City: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip Code: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Age: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Birthdate (e.g. 05/05/2007): * Click or tap here to enter text.

Home Golf Club: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Father's Name and Occupation: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Mother's Name and Occupation: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Number of people living in the household (including you): * Click or tap here to enter text.

High School Information

High school attending: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Graduation Year (e.g. 2027): * Click or tap here to enter text.

What was your favorite subject in high school and why? (200 words or less): * Click or tap here to enter text.

High School Transcript – *attach with application* * Click or tap here to enter text.

College Information:

Name of College/University/School Attending: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Address of school's financial aid office: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Estimated yearly cost of college/school: * Click or tap here to enter text.

My intended major is: * Click or tap here to enter text.

Other grants or scholarships received (list the source and dollar amount): * Click or tap here to enter text.

Golf Cover Letter – *attach with application* *

Golf Resume & Extracurricular Activities Document *

Please complete the mandatory combined template – [last page of application](#).

Complete the Document: Fill out all sections for your **Golf Resume** and **Extracurricular Activities**. Save your finished document as a **PDF** or **Word Doc** (.docx), and attach with your application.

Your completed document must include:

Section 1: Golf History & Accomplishments

Write an extensive history on your participation and accomplishments in golf. This section will be given a high priority in determining scholarship winners. Be as detailed as possible and avoid using abbreviations (especially for regional or national events).

- Past participation in SDGA Junior Tour, Adult Championships, and Junior Championships
- Participation in regional or national tournaments (e.g., Drive, Chip & Putt, US Kids, AJGA, etc.)
- High School golf participation and honors
- Home club junior golf participation and honors
- First Tee – South Dakota participation and/or accomplishments
- Any other golf accomplishments

Section 2: Extracurricular Activities & Service

Reflecting activities from Junior Year of High School to present.

- Extracurricular activities and school involvement
 - Volunteer and/or community service hours
 - First Tee Coach / Volunteer experience
 - Employment history
 - Any other awards or honors you would like the committee to consider
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Essay:

Your essay should be no more than 300 words.

Golf is a great game! Describe what your golf experience has meant to you and how it has impacted your life off the course. Tell us about yourself, your aspirations, and how golf has played a role in your future goals.

Letters of Recommendation:

Attach at least **two letters of recommendation**, one from each category, from the following individuals:

- Club professional, manager or another club official
- School official, principal, golf coach or counselor

Please include a **picture** of yourself that will be used for the end-of-year banquet, website, social media, and marketing purposes.

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[Name] - SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHART Junior / Senior Year

Please complete the charts below:

A. Extracurricular School Activities B. Community & Volunteer Service C. Awards & Recognition D. Employment

A. Extracurricular School Activities	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
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