



Eligibility Criteria for 2019 Participant Opportunities

Involvement in The First Tee provides unique opportunities for participants. These opportunities have been created to recognize various achievements through golf skills, life skills and education. Modifications have been made throughout the past several years to encourage teenage retention and progression among the chapter network. Participants who have spent more years in the program and have achieved a higher Life Skills level will receive more points on their application.

Below you will find the requirements that are unique to each of the 2019 Participant Opportunities. To be eligible to apply to each unique event, an applicant must meet ALL of the requirements specific to that event.

Wells Fargo Succeeding Together

Date: April 29 –May 5; Charlotte, NC

Application released: January 23rd; Application deadline: March 11^h; Participants announced: April 17th

Selection: 10 finalists will be selected to win \$500 cash. From the 10, 4 winners – 3 First Prize and 1 Grand Prize - will then be selected to travel to Charlotte to attend the tournament.

- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the application release date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2019
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant’s “created on” date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible

Perfect Sense Unified Challenge

Date: June 23-27; Washington D.C.

Application released: February 6th; Application deadline: March 25th; Participants announced: May 1st

Selections: 18 participants

- Age 14 - 18 years old. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the Academy and not reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event.
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2019
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant’s “created on” date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 10 or better for males and 12 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants (it is recommended chapters submit one boy and one girl)



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John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)

Date: June 24-28; San Francisco, CA

Application released: February 6th; Application deadline: April 1st; Participants announced: May 15th

Selection: 24 females

- This event is open to female participants only
- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the Academy and not reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the Academy
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2019
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

John Deere Power for Good Scholarship Contest

Date: July 7-11; Silvis, IL

Application released: February 6th; Application deadline: April 1st; Participants announced: May 15th

Selection: 3 participants

- Minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Age 14 – 18. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the JDC and not reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event.
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of Spring semester 2019
- Active in The First Tee Participant Database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

International Junior Golf Academy Training Program (IJGA)

Date: June 2019; Bluffton, SC (subject to change)

See chapter intranet for more information

- The home office will not hold a formal application process for this opportunity. Participants wishing to attend this Academy should register directly with the IJGA. The IJGA will continue to offer the discounted rate for The First Tee juniors.



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Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy

Date: July 24-30; Boise, ID

Application released: February 6th; Application deadline: April 8th; Participants announced: May 29th

Selection: 96 participants

- Age 14-18 years old. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the event and must not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2019
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Participants must provide a golf resume
- Each chapter may nominate up to **three** participants

CoBank PEAK Performers

Date: August 21-24; TBD

Application released: April 3rd; Application deadline: May 13th; Participants announced: June 12th

Selection: 8 participants

- Age 14-18 years old. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before the first day of the event and must not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2019
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 12 or better for males and 15 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants (it is recommended chapters submit one boy and one girl)

Coca-Cola – America's Future

Date: August 21-24; Atlanta, GA

Application released: April 17th; Application deadline: June 3rd; Participants announced: June 26th

Selection: 5 participants

- Classified as a high school senior as of fall semester of the 2019
- Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale*
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline. The Home Office will use the participant's "created on" date in the database to determine if the participant meets the 3 year requirement.



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- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level at the time of application deadline.
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply

PURE Insurance Championship

Date: September 24-30; Pebble Beach, CA

Application released: February 6th; Application deadline: May 6th; Participants announced: July 10th

Selection: 81 participants

- Participants must be in the 14 – 18 age range. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday on or before September 25, 2018. Applicants must not reach their 19th birthday before October 1, 2019
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of fall semester 2019. High school seniors at the time of application deadline are not eligible to apply, as they will be full-time college students or 19 years old at the date of the event.
- Acceptable Golf Ability – must have a USGA handicap of 6 or better for males and 8 or better for females
- Players must be physically and mentally able to play up to 5 rounds in one week, while walking, carrying their own bag, and keeping pace of play according to the PGA TOUR Rules and Competitions guidelines
- Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of three years, at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Active in The First Tee database upon submittal of application
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting The First Tee. We encourage the participants to reflect the diversity (age, ethnicity, gender, etc.) of the chapter.
- Participants who previously attended the event are not eligible

Following is a list of academic opportunities along with each of their minimum eligibility requirements:

Scholars Program

Application released: January 23rd; Application deadline: February 25th; Scholars announced: March 20th

- Applicants must be seniors in high school
- **Academic**
 - ❑ Must score a minimum of 19 on the ACT or a minimum of 500 on both parts of the SAT
 - ❑ Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale
- **Character, Leadership, Chapter and Community Participation**
 - ❑ Evidence of leadership positions held
 - ❑ Involvement in chapter activities, such as mentoring, at the time of application
 - ❑ Evidence of responsible citizenship through meaningful involvement in community or civic activities
- **The First Tee Participation**
 - ❑ Entered in The First Tee participant database for a minimum of 3 years at the time of application deadline
 - ❑ Registered and active in The First Tee database at the home office
 - ❑ Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie at the time of application deadline