

# Little People's Scholarship Program

## The Little People's Mission

The Little People's Golf Championships Association (LPGCA) is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing a positive competitive environment for junior golfers and to assisting in the growth and development of every young man or woman who seeks a college scholarship through junior golf competition.

## The Purpose of the Little People's Scholarship Program

The Little People's Golf Championships Association's Scholarship Program provides the highest quality golf opportunities for young men and women. The Association believes that any young man or woman should have the opportunity to play in the Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships (PLPGC) regardless of finances. This Scholarship Program was established to provide financial assistance to deserving young men and women who have exhibited an interest in golf and golf competition. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a complete profile, including academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, civic or volunteer programs and financial need. The LPGCA provides individual scholarships of up to \$1000 to any family whose junior wishes to compete but is limited due to family finances. These scholarships may be used for expenses related to the PLPGC in the year they are given and will be paid as a reimbursement for these expenses. Reimbursement checks will be issued after the receipt of the reimbursement form with original receipts, and will only be issued for expenses for the player, and not accompanying family or friends. The LPGCA reserves the right to grant additional monies based on special family circumstances.

At this time the LPGCA cannot accept applications from players living outside of the United States.

## Criteria for Consideration for a Little People's Scholarship

To be considered for a Little People's Scholarship for 2023, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. Candidate must be between the ages of 8 and 17 as of June 21, 2023.
2. Candidate must clearly establish his/her need for financial assistance (see application, essay #6)
3. Candidate must provide supporting documents to verify financial need (see Eligible and Ineligible Expenses page 2 of this document)
4. Candidate must provide documentation of being active in his/her community, i.e. volunteer work, assisting with junior golf program, etc (see application, essay #4)
5. Candidate must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (see application)
6. Candidate who receives a Little People's Scholarship must compete in and complete the 2023 Little People's tournament
7. Candidate must have knowledge of the game of golf and be able to compete in an international junior golf tournament according to USGA and local rules. The following golf handicap requirements are in effect for boys; there are no handicap limits for girls:

Boys 12-13 – Handicap Limit 22; Boys 14-15 – Handicap Limit 15; Boys 16-17; – Handicap Limit 10

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### Little People's Scholarship Conditions

The Little People's Scholarship will be paid up to the amount awarded, after documentation of acceptable expenses (see Expense and Reimbursement Levels below). The Scholarship will reimburse costs associated with the 2023 Little People's tournament. A single reimbursement check will be mailed to the designated recipient within 30 days after the LPGCA has received a reimbursement form with original receipts. Original receipts must be provided to the LPGCA for all eligible expenses. No funds will be reimbursed without an original receipt. **All receipts must be legible and clearly issued from a verifiable source and must be received at Little People's Tournament Headquarters within 30 days of completion of current tournament for reimbursement.**

Scholarship reimbursements are for the current tournament only. Any funds not used will remain in the Little People's Scholarship program and will not be available to recipient at a later time.

### Eligible Expenses

1. Costs incurred when traveling to/from the 2023 Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships. This may include rental car expenses, gas, airfare **for player only**, airport transportation.
2. Food and beverage costs **for player only**, incurred while attending the 2023 Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships. This may include the Family Celebration Picnic, the Applebee's Parent-Child, and any other PLPGC-sponsored optional event. Food receipts must be itemized with indication **for player only**.
3. Housing costs incurred related to the 2023 Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships.
4. Entry fees for the 2023 Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships.

### Ineligible Expenses

1. The LPGCA will not reimburse airfare for parents/guardians to/from Little People's
2. The LPGCA will not reimburse for alcoholic beverages
3. The LPGCA will not reimburse hotel/motel room rates that exceed the normal room rate of said hotel/motel
4. The LPGCA will not reimburse any expenses, including entry fees, if a player does not complete the 2023 Little People's tournament
5. The LPGCA will not reimburse any expenses, including entry fees, if the player violates the LPGCA Code of Conduct
6. The LPGCA will not reimburse any incidental expenses made through the hotel/motel room service, phone service or gift shop. This extends to miscellaneous charges for equipment or golf attire at a pro shop or golf shop
7. If a receipt submitted for reimbursement contains expenses for other than the player, **the expenses related to the player must be clearly marked and explained**. The Little People's Scholarship Committee will have final discretion for approving these receipts.

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### How to Apply for a Little People's Scholarship

1. Contact the Little People's Scholarship Office by phone (217-257-5718 or 970-586-4242), fax (970-586-3116) or email ([jrgolfer@littlepeoplesgolf.com](mailto:jrgolfer@littlepeoplesgolf.com)) and request an application by mail or email. Be sure to put **SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST** in the subject line of the email. Or, download the application from Little People's website.
2. **A completed 2023 entry form and entry fee must accompany the scholarship application.** Entry fee WILL be refunded if child is not granted a scholarship and chooses not to play. If child decides to compete without the scholarship, the entry fee will be retained by Little People's.
3. Fill out the application form completely and write the required essays (uncompleted forms will not be considered) and fax (970-586-3116) or mail to:

Little People's Scholarship Committee, 1600 Wapiti Circle #8, Estes Park, CO 80517

**We request that all answers be written in the applicant's own handwriting.** Answers written by parent or person other than candidate, or on a computer, will not be considered.

**Letter from a teacher or golf professional must be on the teacher or professional's letterhead.**

A Committee appointed by the LPGCA's Executive Director will evaluate each application and make the final decisions. If at any time the candidate or his/her parents have a question regarding the Scholarship of the status of the application, please call or text Nan Ryan, Pepsi Little People's Executive Director, at 217-257-5718, or email [jrgolfer@littlepeoplesgolf.com](mailto:jrgolfer@littlepeoplesgolf.com).

Upon receipt of the completed application, the candidate will receive an email response acknowledging that the application has been received. An application for the 2023 Scholarship and the 2023 Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships **MUST BE RECEIVED** at Tournament Headquarters on or before April 22, 2023. A decision letter will be emailed to all candidates no later than May 13, 2023.

**All receipts for reimbursement must be legible and clearly issued from a verifiable source and must be received by the Little People's Tournament Office within 30 days of completion of current tournament. No reimbursement will be made for receipts which do not adhere to the Eligible Expenses portion of this document, or which are received after the 30-day deadline.**