

Valley Golf Association

Scholarship Application

This packet contains information on the VGA Scholarship. Students and parents should read the entire document thoroughly, including general instructions for filling out the application. Here are a few reminders:

- Applications must be returned to Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee by April 1 to receive a scholarship for the upcoming fall semester.
- Along with each application, the applicant must submit a copy of his/her current transcript with current grades, ACT/SAT test scores, class rank, and cumulative G.P.A.
- Applicants will need to submit 2 letters of recommendation
 - Academic: high school teacher, counselor, or administrator (principal)
 - Personal: non-related to applicant, coach/mentor
- Applicants must have cumulative 3.0 grade point average and apply on the Valley Golf Association Scholarship Form
- An incomplete applications submitted by the applicant will not be eligible for the VGA Scholarship.

Valley Golf Association Scholarship

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Valley Golf Association Scholarship is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher educational goals for golfers who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement and extra-curricular activities during his/her school career.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have completed (or plan to complete) high school prior to September 1st, of current year and must be planning to enroll as a full time student. A full time student is defined as one who is taking 12 or more hours in a course of study leading to a traditional associate (2 year) or baccalaureate (4 year) degree at an accredited college or university located within the United States or considered a full-time student by his/her respective institution.

The Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee will review class ranking, grade point average (GPA), and either ACT or SAT test scores, along with the student's extra-curricular activities. The students should be enrolled in a college-bound curriculum. Distinguished honors should be noted.

The applicant's cumulative grade point average (GPA) MUST BE at least 3.0 on a 4.0 graduating scale or the student WILL NOT be considered eligible for the scholarship.

III. SCHOLARSHIP(S)

The Valley Golf Association Scholarship program is designed to award scholarships. The amount of the scholarship(s) is/are determined by the availability of funds. Special scholarships may be awarded based on the availability of funds and at the discretion of the Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee.

The number of scholarships and the amounts to be awarded may vary from year to year.

IV. SELECTION OF WINNERS

Scholarship recipients will be selected on the following criteria basis by using a combination of criteria:

1. High School Grades
2. Class Rank
3. ACT/SAT Scores
4. Extracurricular Activities
5. Two-Page Essay

Extracurricular activities will help the Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee further evaluate the candidate's interests and abilities. Contributions to the community may be demonstrated by involvement in local clubs and organization/associations. Extracurricular activities should be documented by type and years involved and the reason why you are participating. The Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee will consider the number and variety of activities. Winner(s) will be announced by April 30 of current year.

-INFORMATION, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES-

The Valley Golf Association Scholarship was established to meet the Association's mission of growing the game of golf in Alaska. The funds designated for scholarships are managed by the Valley Golf Association Board. The Valley Golf Association Scholarship is currently supported by private contributions and fund-raising activities.

The Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee is mandated not to discriminate according to federal and state statutes. The final selection will be made by the Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee. No announcements will be made before the applicants receive notification from the Valley Golf Association. If additional funds become available, the Committee may grant additional scholarships to worthy candidates.

I. STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

The Valley Golf Association Scholarship Application Form requests student background information required for scholarship processing. The Extracurricular Activities Form asks for information concerning the applicant's out-of-class activities.

To be considered for a Valley Golf Association Scholarship, the applicant must complete this form and return it by **April 1** of the current year. The application must be filled out in its entirety or it will not be considered. The information supplied will be kept confidential by the Valley Golf Association Scholarship Committee.

II. TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL

You must submit a copy of your official high school transcript. This transcript must include:

- 1. You cumulative high school grade point average.**
- 2. Class rank**
- 3. A copy of your ACT/SAT score and test date**

19. Name and address of the college you plan to attend during the upcoming academic year:

College Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

20. Have you been officially accepted at this institution:

21. What is your intended college major/field of study:

22. Write an informal letter, preferably in your own handwriting, so that we can become better acquainted. Please tell us about yourself, why you want to go to college, and what your goals are at this time. Also include how you are involved in the sport of golf and what you enjoy about the experience. If there is anything further that you think we should know, please tell us. Please limit this essay to no more than two (2) pages. This essay **MUST** be included with this application.

II. PERSONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

State whether you were employed full- or part-time during your high school year, and describe the work you did: (if you need additional space to complete this section, please attach a separate page.)

Describe any school, civic or community activities in which you participated. Please indicate any leadership roles: (if you need additional space to complete this section, please attach a separate page.)

List any special awards or recognitions of interest:

HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the high school activities information indicated for this student is accurate and complete.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

High School Official's Signature

Date

School Name

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

- 1. HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY?**
- 2. HAVE YOU ENCLOSED ALL PERTINENT GPAs, TRANSCRIPTS, CLASS RANK, SAT OR ACT SCORE AND TEST DATE?**
- 3. HAVE YOU INCLUDED YOUR ESSAY AND TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION?**

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the enclosed information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as reflected by the appropriate school records. Any false information given will automatically void this application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

If you are a continuing education applicant, having been out of high school more than 5 years and have questions regarding content in this application, contact the board for further clarification.

Mail or Email Application To:

Att: Scholarship Committee

Valley Golf Association

P.O. Box 4110

Palmer Ak, 99645

vgascholarship@gmail.com

For further assistance, email vgascholarship@gmail.com or call (907)229-3838.