



Eligibility Criteria for 2016 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. Following is a list of opportunities currently available along with each of their minimum eligibility requirements. Modifications have been made throughout the past several years to encourage teenage retention and progression among the chapter network.

Common eligibility requirements for all 2016 Participant Opportunities:

- Participants must be in the 14-18 age range.
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2016 (please see exemptions below for PwC Executive Business Forum, Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach and Coca Cola's – America's Future)
- Entered in The First Tee participant database at a minimum of Birdie level 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 Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible

Below you will find additional requirements that are unique to each of the 2016 Participant Opportunities:

Wells Fargo Succeeding Together Contest

Date: May 2-8, 2016 (participants must be available to travel during these dates); Charlotte, NC

Application released: Feb. 1; Application deadline: March 20; Participants announced: April 1

- Chapters may submit an unlimited amount of applications

PwC Executive Business Forum

Date: May 9-15, 2016; Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Application released: January 27; Application deadline: March 11; Participants announced: April 1

- This opportunity is limited to The First Tee Alumni who are freshmen in college at the time of application deadline
- In early spring 2016, The First Tee Alumni who are freshmen in college will be contacted directly by the home office with details regarding the event and how to apply
- In order to apply, you must be majoring in one of the following subjects: Accounting, Finance, Business, Marketing or Economics
- Participants are selected by the home office and must be available to travel to Ponte Vedra during the week of May 9-12. The event takes place in conjunction with THE PLAYERS Championship, an official PGA TOUR event.

International Junior Golf Academy Training Program

Date: June 12-18, 2016; Hilton Head Island, SC

Application released: February 10; Application deadline: March 25; Participants announced: April 20

- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 12 or better for males and 15 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to four participants for the IJGA Training Program

National Par-3 Championship

Date: June 21-26, 2016; Richmond, VA

Application released: February 10; Application deadline: March 25; Participants announced: April 20

- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 8 or better for males and 10 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to 2 participants – one male and one female. Chapters may not submit two participants of the same gender

Life Skills & Leadership Academy

Date: July 6-12, 2016; Blaine, MN

February 10; Application deadline: April 8; Participants announced: May 18

- Each chapter may nominate up to three participants

College Golf Prep Academy

Date: July 20-27, 2016; Reno, NV

Application released: February 10; Application deadline: April 8; Participants announced: May 18

- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants



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Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach

Date: September 13-18, 2016; Pebble Beach, CA

Application Released: February 10; Application deadline: May 6; Participants announced: July 6

- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of fall semester 2016. High school seniors at the time of application are not eligible to apply as they will be full time college students at the date of the event.
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 6 or better for males and 8 or better for females
- Each chapter may nominate up to **five** participants for the Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach

Coca-Cola – America’s Future

Date: September 21-24, 2016; Atlanta, GA

Application released: May 18; Application deadline: July 15; Participants announced: August 10

- Classified as a high school senior as of fall semester of the 2016
- Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale*

John Deere Careers on Course Academy

Date: October 13-16, 2016; Cary, NC

Application released: May 18; Application deadline: July 15; Participants announced: August 10

- Each chapter may nominate up to **two** participants

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

A/B Honor Roll

- The First Tee recognizes outstanding academic achievement of all participants through its A/B Honor Roll program. Chapters report to the home office their participants who have earned all A's and/or B's (or the equivalent) on their report cards. A Certificate of Achievement is signed by The First Tee Chief Executive Officer, Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. and distributed to those participants who earned A/B Honor Roll. While A/B Honor Roll can be entered into the Participant Database at any time of the year, certificates will be printed and sent to the chapter after the following deadlines:

**Fall 2015 deadline: January 22, 2016 Spring
2015 deadline: July 15, 2016**

- All participants, regardless of age, are eligible for this recognition. ZONE credit for A/B Honor Roll (ZONE item 28) can be earned when a chapter submits a total of 25 participants **and** increases the number of submittals from the previous school year's numbers.

Scholars Program

Application Released: January 13, 2016; Application deadline: February 26, 2016; Scholars announced: March 23, 2016

- Applicants must be seniors in high school
- Chapters must have signed their original contract at least 2 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Academic**
 - Must score a minimum of 19 on the ACT and a minimum of 470 on all three 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