



Eligibility Criteria for 2022 Participant Opportunities

Involvement in First Tee provides unique opportunities for teen participants. These opportunities have been created to recognize and reward the commitment participants have made to being a game changer on and off the course, through character development, education, and golf skills. Modifications to qualification requirements have been made over the past several years to encourage teen retention and progression among the chapter network. We encourage chapters to ensure the participants applying for these national opportunities reflect the diversity (age, ethnicity, gender, etc.) of the chapter.

Below you will find the requirements that are unique to each of the 2022 Participant Opportunities. To be eligible to apply, an applicant must meet ALL of the requirements specific to that event.

John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)

Date: June 6–10; San Francisco, CA

Selection: 24 female participants

- This event is open to female participants only
 - Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event 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 2022
 - Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
 - Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
 - Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA GHIN handicap of 24 or better
 - Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
 - Each chapter may nominate up to two participants
- ** Chapters with 100+ active participants ages 14–18 recorded in Salesforce as of 12/31/21 may nominate up to **four** participants **

John Deere Power for Good Scholarship Contest

Date: June 27–July 1; Silvis, IL

Selection: 3 participants

- Minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event 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 2022
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA GHIN handicap of 18 or better
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants



First Tee National Championship

Date: June 28–July 1; South Bend, IN

Selection: Up to 48 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event 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 2022
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Applicants will be selected based solely on their golf ability. The selection committee will select participants based off the prioritized criteria below:
 - Rolex AJGA Ranking
 - Junior Golf Scoreboard Ranking
 - Golfweek/Sagarin Junior Ranking
- Following this process, the remaining applicants will be selected based off their golf resume
- An emphasis will be placed on their competitive golf experience (national, regional, state, local tournaments)
- The applicant's handicap will be evaluated, and those remaining spots will be filled with the player who has the lowest GHIN handicap (note: the handicap must be active with the USGA GHIN Handicapping system)
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the First Tee National Championship

First Tee Game Changers Academy Honoring Joe Louis Barrow, Jr.

Date: July 19–23; Philadelphia, PA

Selection: Up to 72 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event 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 2022
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the Game Changers Academy previously, formerly known as Life Skills and Leadership Academy, are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to **three** participants
 - ** Chapters with 100+ active participants ages 14–18 recorded in Salesforce as of 12/31/21 may nominate up to **five** participants **

First Tee Leadership Summit in Partnership with PGA TOUR Superstore

Date: August 1–5 and August 8–12; Emigrant, Montana

Selection: 20 participants per week

- Participants must be from a First Tee chapter that is in a PGA TOUR Superstore market



- Participants must have completed the 5-week First Tee Leadership Series in their local chapter/store market.
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event 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 2022
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of one year
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Montana on 8/1/2022 – 8/5/2022 and 8/8/2022 – 8/12/2022.
- Each Chapter may nominate up to three participants in total

First Tee Corporate Connect in partnership with the Coca-Cola Company

Date: August 24-27; Atlanta, GA

Selection: 5 participants

- Classified as a high school senior as of fall semester 2022
- Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale*
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- 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
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

PURE Insurance Championship

Date: September 20-25; Pebble Beach, CA

Selection: 78 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as an 8th grader, high school freshman, sophomore, or junior as of spring semester 2022 (high school seniors at the time of the application deadline are not eligible to apply.)
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Competitive Golf Ability – MUST have an active USGA GHIN 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



- Participants who previously attended the event are not eligible
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the PURE Insurance Championship

First Tee Innovators Forum

Date: November 16-18; Dallas, TX

Selection: 28 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event)
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore or junior as of fall semester 2022.
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Prior attendees of the First Tee Innovators Forum and Outstanding Participant Leadership Summit are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

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