



SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION
2017

THE HENRY & SARA SHEEHAN FOUNDATION
310 N. KENSINGTON AVE.
LAGRANGE PARK, IL 60526



BASIC INFORMATION

The Sara Scholarship is granted annually through the Henry & Sara Sheehan Foundation. The objective of the Sara Scholarship is to grant need-based academic scholarships to female high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence of character and are involved with the sport of golf.

A minimum of eleven (11) \$2000 scholarships will be awarded in 2017.

BACKGROUND OF SARA

The Sara Scholarship was established in 2012 as part of the final will of Sara Sheehan, who passed away in 2011. Sara loved golf, and despite many years of ill health, she played as much as she could – and could often only manage a few holes. She believed that the game, aside from being fun, taught important life skills and instilled character, especially the qualities of discipline and patience.

Sara never considered herself a skilled golfer. Nevertheless, she enjoyed all aspects of the sport, whether that meant going to tournaments or simply chatting with fellow golf lovers at pro shops or clubs. Just as it didn't matter to Sara whether a player was a novice or a pro, it is immaterial to the scholarship committee whether applicants have great skill in the game or desire to play college golf. Sara wished, simply, that the applicant demonstrate some level of involvement and engagement with the sport.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Applicants must be female.
2. Applicants must be high school seniors with the intention to graduate at the end of the school year.
3. Applicants must meet entrance requirements and plan to enroll at an accredited college or university in the United States.
4. Applicants must have a cumulative minimum unweighted GPA (grade point average) of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
6. Applicants must demonstrate excellent character and involvement with the sport of golf. Skill in playing golf is not a criterion.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Completed Sara Scholarship Application form
2. Copy of Official High School Transcript (including Fall semester grades from senior year)
3. Applicant's personal essay (see section VI of application)
4. Copy of applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR), including the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
5. **ONE** letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, counselor or administrator such as a principal. As an alternative, a letter of recommendation from a local business or professional person is acceptable. Please send only **ONE** letter of recommendation.

DEADLINE

The completed Sara Scholarship application and all supporting documents (see application checklist above) **must be put in the same envelope and postmarked on or before May 1, 2017.**

Mailed to:

The Sara Scholarship
The Henry & Sara Sheehan Foundation
310 N. Kensington Ave.
LaGrange Park, IL. 60526

Must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2017.

The winning applicants will be notified on or before August 15, 2017



The completed application and all supporting documents must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2017. Please note: In order to qualify for the Sara Scholarship, you must first file a Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Department of Education to determine your eligibility for student aid. It is extremely important to do this as soon as possible, as the application takes time to process and deadlines vary from state to state. Once your application is processed, the Department of Education will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR) detailing your eligibility for aid. You must send us a copy of the report with your application. Refer to fafsa.ed.gov for more information.

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell (or additional) Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

SECTION II - FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Full Name: _____ Mother's Full Name: _____

or Guardian/ Stepparents Names: _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

or Guardian/ Stepparents Occupation: _____

Number of Brother's and Ages: _____

Number of Sister's and Ages: _____

Parent's Home Address: _____

Parent's Telephone Number(s): _____
Daytime Number Cell Number

Applicant Name: _____

SECTION III - SCHOLASTIC BACKGROUND

Name of your High School: _____

Senior Class Size: _____

Grade Point Average - cumulative: _____

Please indicate if GPA is weighted or unweighted: _____

Highest ACT or SAT Score: _____

SECTION IV - COLLEGE INFORMATION

Please list what colleges or universities you have applied to and state which is your first choice:

First Choice: _____

Please state, if you know, which colleges you have been accepted to: _____

What is your intended major?: _____

Please state other scholarships you have applied for. Also, tell us the names and amounts of any college scholarships awarded to you:

SECTION V - PERSONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

State whether you were employed full- or part-time during your high school years, and describe the work you did:
(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)

Describe at least one school, civic or community activity (other than golf) in which you participated, and specifically why it was meaningful to you: *(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)*

List any special awards or recognitions of interest:

Briefly describe how you are involved in the sport of golf, and what you enjoy about the experience. Please remember that skill in playing golf is not a criterion.

Describe how you intend to finance your college education, indicating the ability of your parents to assist you.
(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)

Applicant Name: _____

SECTION V - PERSONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION, CONT'D

Enter your parents'/guardians' combined gross income for the most recent calendar year: _____

Reminder: In order to qualify for the Sara Scholarship, you must include a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) provided to you from the U.S. Department of Education. In order to receive an SAR, you must first fill out and file a FAFSA form, which is available after October 1, 2016 online or at your high school. We recommend completing the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1, 2016.

SECTION VI - APPLICANT'S PERSONAL ESSAY

Write an informal letter, preferably in your own handwriting and in black ink, 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. If there is anything further that you think we should know, please tell us. Please limit this essay to no more than two pages. This essay **MUST** be included with this application.

SECTION VII - REQUIRED DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

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SECTION VIII - AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby waive my rights of privacy regarding disclosure to the Henry & Sara Sheehan Foundation of the above information and I authorize and give consent to the Foundation to verify the contents of this application.

Name: _____
Signature of Applicant Date

How did you hear about this scholarship?:

Website Address: _____

Other: _____

Please submit completed application and all attachments in one envelope to:

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Please direct any questions in writing to the above address. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
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