



LEON McNAIR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION
PACKET



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Oswegoland Park Foundation annually awards academic scholarships to three students in honor of Leon McNair, a local golf icon with a passion for player development. The Leon McNair Memorial Scholarship's objective is to grant scholarships of \$1,500 to local students who have demonstrated excellence in character and are involved with the sport of golf. Up to three (3) \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded.

BACKGROUND OF LEON McNAIR

Leon McNair, Golf Professional and Manager at Fox Bend Golf Course in Oswego, Illinois for 38 years was dedicated to growing the game of golf. He believed golf taught life lessons of respect, discipline and perseverance. Co-founder of the Illinois PGA Foundation and The First Tee of Aurora Fox Valley, Leon was a tireless champion for promoting interest in the game and providing opportunities especially for young people to have affordable and accessible golf. As President of the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation, he dedicated resources to build facilities across the country designed for youth development. Leon was inducted into the Illinois PGA Hall of Fame in 2015. He passed away July 3, 2016.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Open to high school seniors with the intention to graduate at the end of the school year. Must be a U.S. Citizen.
2. Applicants must meet entrance requirements and plan to enroll at an accredited college or university in the United States.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative minimum C grade average.
4. Applicants must demonstrate excellent character and involvement with the sport of golf. Skill in playing golf is not a criterion.
5. Applicants must be either a student in SD308, **or** a resident within the Oswegoland Park District Boundaries.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Fillable application form will be available through the Oswegoland Park Foundation website. Completed submissions should be returned using the Foundation email, **foundation@oswegolandpd.org**
2. Items to be sent via email *-or-* the USPS mail:
 - a. Copy of Official High School current Transcript.
 - b. One letter of recommendation from a non-family member. Suggestions include: a high school teacher, counselor or administrator, a local business professional, supervisor, clergy, etc.

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313 E. Washington St.
Oswego, IL 60543

SELECTION CRITERIA

Four members of the selection committee will review all applications, according to the evaluation scale. Averages for each applicant will be compiled. The top three applicants with the highest point total will earn a scholarship. In the event of a tie, the committee will interview the applicants.

The disbursement of the \$1,500 scholarship will be made directly to the college or university.

DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted through **April 30, 2021**.

Decisions and announcements are scheduled to be made by August 31, 2021.



SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____

City State Zip

Applicant Cell Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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

or Guardian / Stepparents Names: _____

Name of your High School: _____

Grade Point Average - cumulative: _____

Please indicate if GPA is weighted or unweighted: _____ out of _____

SECTION II - PERSONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

Describe your connection to the sport of golf and the extent to which you have been involved in the sport. (Golf skills are not a criterion.) *100 words or less*

Describe at least one school, civic or community activity (other than golf) in which you participated, and specifically why it was meaningful to you. *100 words or less*

Describe all the leadership positions you have held in an organization (extracurricular, employment, etc.) in the past 3 years. Include awards and recognitions. *100 words or less*

Leon McNair was a model of upstanding integrity and character. Describe your dream of giving back to the game of golf and/or your community. *200 words or less*

What college do you plan to attend? What are your goals for college and after college? *100 words or less*

Applicant Name: _____

SECTION III - AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby waive my rights of privacy regarding disclosure to the Oswegoland Park 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: _____

SECTION IV - REQUIRED DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

1. Completed Leon McNair Memorial Scholarship Application form.
2. Copy of Official High School Transcript.
3. One letter of recommendation.

Please submit completed supporting documents in one email message or one envelope to:

foundation@oswegolandpd.org

-or-

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Application must be electronically submitted and supporting documents postmarked on or before April 30, 2021.

Please direct any questions via email: foundation@oswegolandpd.org.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

