



Eligibility Criteria for 2023 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 eligibility requirements have been made over the past several years to encourage teen retention and progression in the program. 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 2023 Participant Opportunities. To be eligible to apply, an applicant must meet ALL of the requirements specific to that event.

First Tee Future Entrepreneurs presented by Wells Fargo

Date: May 2-5; Charlotte, NC

Selection: 3 participants

- This event is open to registered members of the First Tee Alumni Network
- Alumni must be between the ages of 18-35 years old (applicants must reach their 18th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 35th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Current HBCU student or alum of an HBCU
- Student/alum with a business or entrepreneurial studies concentration preferred, however, other concentrations will be considered
- Acceptable golf ability – Should be able to shoot approx. 100 or better for 18-holes
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Charlotte, NC 5/2-5/5, 2023

First Tee Leadership Academy in Partnership with PGA TOUR Superstore

Date: June 19-24; Atlanta, GA

Selection: Up to 48 participants

First Tee Leadership Summit in Partnership with PGA TOUR Superstore

Dates: July 31 – August 4 & August 7-11; Emigrant, MT

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 2023
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of one year
- Each Chapter may nominate up to **five** participants in total for the PGA TOUR Superstore Opportunities



- Participants who previously attended the Leadership Summit in Montana are eligible to apply for the Leadership Academy in Atlanta. If nominated to apply for the Academy in Atlanta, that participant would count towards the chapter's designated five candidates.
- Participants cannot attend the Leadership Academy in Atlanta and Leadership Summit in Montana in the same year.
- Each opportunity can only be attended once.
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Atlanta, Georgia 6/19 – 6/24, 2023 or to Bozeman, Montana 7/31 – 8/4, 2023 and 8/7 – 8/11, 2023 (Participant will only attend one week)

First Tee National Championship

Date: July 2-6; Stanford, CA

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 2023
- Since this event has male and female divisions, all participants must select one of these divisions during the application process. For any questions or concerns, please email support@firsttee.org.
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- 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
- Participants who have previously attended this opportunity are eligible to reapply.
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Stanford, CA 7/2-7/6, 2023



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

Date: July 18–22; 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 2023
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Participants who previously attended the Game Changers Academy, 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 12/31/22 may nominate up to **five** participants **
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Philadelphia, PA 7/18-22, 2023

Participant Advisory Council

Date: July 25–27; Jacksonville, FL

Selection: 8 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 spring semester 2023 (high school seniors at the time of the application deadline are not eligible to apply.)
- Active participant for a minimum of one year.
- Accessibility for virtual/conference call meetings.
- Participants who previously served on the PAC will not be eligible.
- Each chapter may nominate up to **three** participants
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Jacksonville, FL 7/25–7/27, 2023

PURE Insurance Championship

Date: September 19–24; Pebble Beach, CA

Selection: Up to 81 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 2023 (high school seniors at the time of the application deadline are not eligible to apply.)
- Since this event has male and female divisions, all participants must select one of these divisions during the application process. For any questions or concerns, please email support@firsttee.org.
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- 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
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Pebble Beach, CA 9/19-9/24, 2023

First Tee Drive Your Future Academy presented by John Deere

Date: October 5-9; San Francisco, CA

Selection: 24 female participants

- This event is a female empowerment academy
- 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 2023 (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
- Acceptable golf ability – Should be able to shoot approx. 100 for 18-holes
- Participants who previously attended the event are not eligible
- Each chapter may nominate up to **two** participants
 - ** Chapters with 100+ active participants ages 14-18 recorded in Salesforce as of 12/31/22 may nominate up to **four** participants **
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to San Francisco, CA 10/5 – 10/9, 2023

First Tee Innovators Forum

Date: November 9-12; Jacksonville, FL

Selection: 32 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 2023 (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
- Participants who previously attended the First Tee Innovators Forum and Outstanding Participant Leadership Summit 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 12/31/22 may nominate up to **four** participants **
- If selected, the participant must be able to travel to Jacksonville, FL 11/9 – 11/12, 2023