



To: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, SENIOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, GOLF COACHES,
GOLF PROFESSIONALS & MANAGEMENT OF SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
Date: Fall 2019

It is with great pride that we invite you to nominate qualifying students to receive the ninth annual George Benson Scholarship.

A graduate of Brentwood High School and Duke University, Mr. Benson was a distinguished Captain in the Air Force, a successful businessman and an inspiration to those whose lives he touched. But many will remember him most for his lifelong passion for the game of golf. His many amateur titles included the West Penn Amateur and more than 20 club championships in the US and England.

As befits his love of golf, The George Benson Scholarship is open to deserving Western Pennsylvania Students who are currently a senior at a qualified local high school or attending a 4-year college and have demonstrated a connection to the game of golf through their athletic achievement, academic interest or employment. All South Hills Country Club employees and their children are eligible to apply.

This scholarship is unique in that it is renewable for up to four years or until graduation, whichever is shorter. Students must maintain an above average GPA per term to continue receiving the scholarship. The scholarship's value is currently up to \$2,000 annually with a maximum of \$8,000 (over 4 years). If for any reason, the recipient leaves school, the remaining portion of the award is forfeited.

Any interested candidate must fill out and submit the enclosed forms by the November 30, 2019 deadline along with the other required information (which may include a copy of their "Free Application for Federal Student Aid").

The committee will weigh character, academic success, financial need, community service and connection to the game of golf in determining those applicants who will be named as Finalists for the Scholarship. Finalists will then be invited to interview with committee members, after which the successful candidate(s) will be named. The winner(s) may be invited to play in the Annual George Benson Scholarship Golf Outing, to be scheduled at South Hills Country Club. Finally, the winner(s) and their family will be invited to attend the formal award ceremony following the golf outing.

Sincerely,

George Benson Scholarship Committee

The George Benson Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2009 in honor of the late George W. Benson.