# SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB Evans Scholars Program



# **EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION**

# By The Numbers

The Western Golf Association, headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, has supported the Chick Evans Scholarship Program through the Evans Scholars Foundation. As the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies, the Evans Scholars Foundation has helped thousands of hardworking young men and women get to college since 1930. A record 1,130 youth caddies are enrolled across the nation as Evans Scholars for the 2023-24 academic year, and more than 12,040 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program was founded.

The Evans Scholars Program addresses the barriers to college graduation faced by students and prepares them for a lifetime of success. Evans Scholars graduate at a rate of **95%** significantly higher than national averages for the student populations the Program serves. After graduation, Evans Scholars are well-prepared to build successful careers. **95%** of Class of 2022 Evans Scholars were employed full-time or attending graduate school within six months of graduation. This far exceeds the success rates of their non-Evans Scholar peers and truly demonstrates the life-changing impact of the Evans Scholarship.

To be eligible to apply for an Evans Scholarship for caddies, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- **1. Strong caddie record:** Applicants must have caddied, regularly and successfully, for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddie at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the Evans Scholarship.
- **2. Excellent academics:** Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses.
- **3. Demonstrated financial need:** Applicants must clearly have a need for financial assistance.
- **4. Outstanding character:** Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

In recognition of the foundation's governance and other best practices for nonprofit organizations, the Evans Scholars Foundation has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. A coveted 4-star rating, the highest honor possible, recognizes the foundation's sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability. Only 17 percent of the charities evaluated have received at least five consecutive 4-star evaluations. In addition, the Evans Scholars Foundation is a platinum-level GuideStar participant demonstrating its commitment to transparency.

Evans Scholars in school for the 2022-23 academic year

\$27 Million

Annual Evans Scholars Program Costs

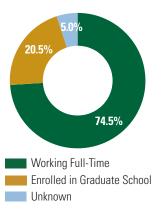
1,130



\$14.3 Million

Alumni giving in 2022, for a total of \$219.8 million all-time

Evans Scholars 6 Months after Graduation



Evans Scholars attend 24 leading universities nationwide. Our students live and work together in community, earning a reputation for scholastic achievement and excellence in community service.

#### **Evans Scholars Partner Universities**

University of Chicago
University of Colorado
Howard University
University of Illinois
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Iowa
Indiana University
University of Kansas
Marquette University
University of Maryland
Miami University
University of Michigan

Michigan State University University of Minnesota University of Missouri Northwestern University University of Notre Dame Ohio State University University of Oregon Penn State University Purdue University Rutgers University University of Washington University of Wisconsin



Platinum Transparency **2023** 

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Cumulative GPA of the 1,130 Evans Scholars in school



Percentage of Scholars who are firstgeneration college students



Evans Scholars come from homes with an average family income of \$70,000

# **SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB** Evans Scholars Program Overview

## **CURRENT SOUTH HILLS EVANS SCHOLARS**



Michael Pantelis
Class of 2026
Penn State University
Major: Finance

"I would like to sincerely thank every individual who has supported a scholarship that I am appreciative of and proud to say I have received. Also, I would like to extend my thanks to all of the members of South Hills Country Club. After caddying at South Hills Country Club I have learned various life skills that have allowed and continue to allow me to be successful in not only college but life in general. I cannot express enough how happy I have been in the Penn State Chick Evans House that has been provided by a number of kind and gracious people. It truly has become, 'A home away for home."



Calvin Terza
Class of 2026
Penn State University
Major: Electrical Engineering

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude towards all those involved with the scholarship at South Hills, specifically for their endless support towards the scholarship foundation and towards its applicants, such as myself. The scholarship has truly been life-changing for me, and it has significantly assisted me while making the transition to the next chapter of my life. Without the endless support towards the scholarship and its applicants by the members, I would not have this wonderful opportunity to earn a college degree and pursue a career."

## **NEWLY AWARDED SOUTH HILLS EVANS SCHOLARS**



**Benjamin Ambrose**Class of 2027
Penn State University
Major: Accounting



Jacob Wincko
Class of 2027
Penn State University
Major: Chemistry

SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB EVANS SCHOLARS ALUMNI						
Name	School	Grad. Year	Company/Organization	Title		
Stephen Bishop	Penn State University	2001	Solar Financial Group	Financing Director		
David Shoemaker	Miami University	2018	Baldwin High School	English/Language Arts Teacher		
Alexx Suchy	Penn State University	2019	National Golf Links of America	Assistant Golf Professional		
Alex Garda	Penn State University	2021	Office of the Comptroller of Currency	Assistant National Bank Examiner		
Nick Pantelis	Penn State University	2021	<b>Enhanced Information Solutions</b>	MES Consultant		
Adam Brueggman	Penn State University	2021	American Junior Golf Association	Intern		

As the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies, we've helped thousands of hardworking young men and women get to college since 1930. Our Evans Scholars Program addresses the barriers to college graduation faced by students and prepares them for a lifetime of success. Community living is critical, helping Scholars develop leadership capabilities and strong communication skills. The support system and sense of empowerment fostered in the Scholarship Houses is largely responsible for our Program's 95 percent graduation rate and the tremendous success of our Alumni.

## **SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

Par Club Contributors to the Evans Scholars Foundation in 2021, 2022 and 2023

OUVER	2021	2022	2023*
SILVER Bill and Linda Cline Gary and Karen Evans* Michael and Chris Hanzel*	✓ ✓ ✓	<b>✓</b>	✓ ✓ ✓
HOLE-IN-ONE & LIFE Chris Kemerer Chuck and Lynn Voelker* Jonathan Voelker* Mike and Amanda Voelker	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓
BIRDIE Matthew Bartek Terrence and Valerie Kenny Paul and Janice McFarlane Brien Murphy Larry and Dorothy Souleret Nathan and Allison Woods		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓
PAR CLUB Paul Baroffio Renee Benson James Bird JoAnn and Walter Bridges Jim and Eda Dean Doug and Suzan Dunn Jim Faccenda	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓
Greg Finerty Darryl and Betsy Fluhme Mark and Marian Gannon William Garvey* JR Gielarowski Steve Gielarowski John Innocenti	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
Domenic Laudato Pat and Brooke Levendusky Bruce McIlrath John and Kathryn Miehl Donald Nyalka John Plavetich Jeff and Deborah Recker		<b>* * * * * * *</b>	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Vince and Terry Sands Grant and Mary Lou Scorsone Tom Shanahan Andrew and Gail Vater Timothy and Marcia Veith Joe Venturella Jim and Sheryl Whalen	✓ ✓ ✓	<ul><li>✓</li><li>✓</li><li>✓</li></ul>	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Marty and Carol White Gary and Denise Wobb	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>

Evans Scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

### **Excellent academics**

Outstanding character and leadership

Strong caddie record

#### Demonstrated financial need

For more information on the Evans Scholarship and our youth caddie program, please contact a South Hills WGA Directors:

Gary Evans Bill Garvey Mike Hanzel Chuck Voelker Jay Voelker



WGA Director Gary Evans with South Hills Evans Scholars at the opening of the J. Wood Platt Evans Scholars Scholarship House at Penn State University on September 22, 2019. The Evans Scholars Foundation is supported by the Western Golf Association and is currently providing full tuition and housing Evans Scholarships for 1,130 caddies of modest means around the country. We are sincerely grateful for your support.

\*WGA Director (Gifts as of 01/19/2024)

Bernard and Susan Zidar

