



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

Date: Fall 2024

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

ABOUT GEORGE BENSON:

George was a distinguished graduate of Brentwood High School and Duke University, a Captain in the Air Force, a Vietnam Veteran, an F-111 Fighter Jet pilot, a successful South Hills 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. Always a competitor, George courageously fought an eight-year battle with cancer and won his final club championship in the midst of the battle in 2004.

After his passing, his wife, Renee Benson, is honored to carry on his legacy by helping students who are connected to the game of golf obtain a college education.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The George Benson Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2009 by the membership of South Hills Country Club to honor their fellow member, as befits his love of golf. The 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. In addition, children of South Hills Country Club employees are eligible to apply.

It is recommended that South Hills CC caddies applying for the George Benson Scholarship also apply for the Evans Scholarship at wgaesf.org if they meet the application requirements.

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.

APPLYING FOR THE GEORGE BENSON SCHOLARSHIP:

Any interested candidate must fill out and submit the application by the November 30, 2024 deadline along with the other requested information.

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 in the Spring of 2025 with committee members, after which the successful candidate(s) will be named.

Sincerely,

George Benson Scholarship Committee