



2016 Mary's Girls Prospectus

Mary's Girls Golf Grant Program

To honor the memory of Mary Ballen of Bala Golf Club, avid Philadelphia area golfer, participant and staunch supporter of women's team golf.

Objective

To provide qualified, promising, young female golfers with financial support to enable them to excel in the game, both socially and in competition with peers. The ultimate goal of these exceptional young ladies is to obtain college golf scholarships.

Selection Process

The program is administered through the PLAY Golf Program of the Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP), serving the Philadelphia region and portions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Applicants are required to provide the following information:

- 1) Biographical information
- 2) A written statement of family financial circumstances
- 3) A statement from a sponsor/mentor explaining why the applicant should be selected for a grant.

The mentor must commit to actively guide the applicant throughout the duration of a Mary's Girls grant, and provide periodic progress updates to GAP throughout the season.

Applications are evaluated by a committee comprising members of the Ballen family and staff of the Golf Association of Philadelphia.

Eligibility

Any female golfer aged 12-18 with a demonstrated commitment to the game of golf who does not belong, as an individual or family member, to a private golf club.

Grant Support

Grants are awarded on a calendar year basis. Recipients will be provided funds up to \$1500.00 for PGA instruction, course access, equipment, and other expenses deemed appropriate by the committee for development of golf skills. GAP will establish GHIN handicaps for grant winners which enable the posting of scores on the GAP Web site or USGA.com. Three of GAP's junior competitions will be open to the girls: P.L.A.Y. Golf Championship, Francis X. Hussey Memorial, and the Jock MacKenzie Memorial.

Timeline

Applications should be submitted by June 15, 2016 in order to enable grantees to take full advantage of the 2016 season. They can be faxed to 610.687.2082 or e-mailed to jgarber@gapgolf.org.