

SCHOLARSHIP FUND HISTORY

JAGA was organized in 1954. JAGA maintains a dual mission to: (1) promote amateur golf (2) provide scholarships to worthy students attending college. There are dozens of golf clubs (private, semi-private, public, and military) that are currently members of JAGA.

JAGA members range in location from Jacksonville, St. Johns County, Flagler County, Lake City, Palatka, Amelia Island, Ponte Vedra, and points in between. JAGA members also include golf centric organizations such as Moore/Myers Childrens Fund, and First Tee. Each JAGA member organization is allowed to appoint up to four JAGA Directors. Members of JAGA member organizations are eligible to participate in all JAGA events, activities and may propose scholarship candidates to their JAGA Director(s).

The JAGA Charitable Trust was established by the Jacksonville Area Golf Association, under a “Declaration of Trust” dated May 1, 1974. The initial contribution to the Scholarship Fund was \$150.00 from the Jacksonville Area Golf Association’s general fund. On September 23, 1974, the Internal Revenue Service approved the organization’s application for designation as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The scholarship fund is administered by Trustees who are selected by the JAGA Executive Committee from the elected officers and the Board of Directors. The Trustees determine the process to be used to apply for a scholarship award.

Since its inception in 1974, the Scholarship Fund has grown through contributions from JAGA member organizations, golf tournaments and private donations. There have been over 300 scholarships awarded to deserving young people totaling more than \$2,000,000. The initial award of \$250 per term has grown to \$1,250 per term for up to eight (8) terms of undergraduate study. JAGA scholarship recipients have gone on to successful careers as golf course superintendents, golf club managers, PGA Tour Players, PGA Golf Professionals and other careers both inside and outside the golf industry. With the continued support and encouragement of our member organizations and contributors to the scholarship fund, JAGA looks forward to continuing the long-standing tradition of providing meaningful scholarship awards to worthy students for their college education.

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