Eligibility Criteria for 2020 Participant Opportunities

Involvement in the First Tee provides unique opportunities for participants. These opportunities have been created to recognize various achievements through golf skills, life skills and education. Modifications have been made throughout the past several years to encourage teenage retention and progression among the chapter network. We encourage chapters to have the participants applying for these national opportunities reflect the diversity (age, ethnicity, gender, etc.) of the chapter.

Below you will find the requirements that are unique to each of the 2020 Participant Opportunities. In order to be eligible to apply, an applicant must meet ALL of the requirements specific to that event.

**Wells Fargo Succeeding Together**

**Date:** April 28 – May 4; Charlotte, NC

Application released: January 14; Application deadline: March 3; Participants announced: March 24

Selection: 10 finalists will be selected to win $500 cash. From the 10, 4 winners – 3 First Prize and 1 Grand Prize - will then be selected to travel to Charlotte to attend the tournament.

- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event)
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2020
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- If selected, the participant and their chaperone (must be 25 years of age or older) must be able to travel 4/28/2020 – 5/1/2020 (Grand Prize trip) or 5/1/2020 – 5/4/2020 (First Prize trips).
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

**John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)**

**Date:** June 8-12; San Francisco, CA

Application released: January 28; Application deadline: March 30; Participants announced: April 28

Selection: 24 female participants

- This event is open to female participants only
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
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- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 24 or better
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants
  ** Chapters with 100+ active participants at Birdie level or higher recorded in Salesforce as of 12/31/19 may nominate up to four participants **

First Tee National Championship

**Date:** June 21-26; **Clemson, SC**

Application released: January 28; Application deadline: March 30; Participants announced: April 28

Selection: 72 participants

- Participants must be between 14 and 19 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not begun post-secondary education by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of spring semester 2020
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of two years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Applicants will be selected solely off of their golf ability. The selection committee will select participants based off the prioritized criteria below:
  - Rolex AJGA Ranking
  - Junior Golf Scoreboard Ranking
  - Golfweek/Sagarin Junior Ranking
- Following this process, the remaining applicants will be selected based off their golf resume
- An emphasis will be placed on their competitive golf experience (national, regional, state, local tournaments)
- The applicant’s handicap will be evaluated and those remaining spots will be filled with the player who has the lowest GHIN handicap (note: the handicap must be active with the USGA Handicapping system)
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the First Tee National Championship
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Perfect Sense Unified Challenge
Date: June 22-26; Washington D.C.
Application released: January 28; Application deadline: March 30; Participants announced: April 28
Selections: 24 participants
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2020
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 12 or better for males and 14 or better for females
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

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John Deere Power for Good Scholarship Contest
Date: July 5-10; Silvis, IL
Application released: January 28; Application deadline: March 30; Participants announced: April 28
Selection: 3 participants
- Minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2020
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – USGA handicap of 18 or better
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants
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Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy
Date: July 15-21; Boise, ID
Application released: February 25; Application deadline: April 27; Participants announced: May 26
Selection: 96 participants
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior as of spring semester 2020
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants must provide a golf resume
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to three participants
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Coca-Cola – America’s Future
Date: August 26-29; Atlanta, GA
Application released: April 28; Application deadline: June 29; Participants announced: July 28
Selection: 5 participants
- Classified as a high school senior as of fall semester 2020
- Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale*
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Participants who attended the event previously are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

PURE Insurance Championship
Date: September 15-21; Pebble Beach, CA
Application released: February 25; Application deadline: April 27; Participants announced: Early July
Selection: 78 participants
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event).
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- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of fall semester 2020. High school seniors at the time of application deadline are not eligible to apply, as they will be full-time college students or 19 years old at the date of the event.
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Acceptable Golf Ability – must have a USGA handicap of 6 or better for males and 8 or better for females
- Players must be physically and mentally able to play up to 5 rounds in one week, while walking, carrying their own bag, and keeping pace of play according to the PGA TOUR Rules and Competitions guidelines
- Participants who previously attended the event are not eligible
- Each chapter may nominate up to five participants for the PURE Insurance Championship

Youth Leadership Summit

Date: November 18-21; San Diego, CA
Application released: June 23; Application deadline: August 24; Participants announced: September 22
Selection: 28 participants

- Classified as a high school freshman, sophomore or junior as of spring semester 2020 (high school seniors are not eligible to apply)
- Participants must be between 14 and 18 years old (applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the first day of the event date and not have reached their 19th birthday by the conclusion of the event)
- Entered in Salesforce and has been an active participant for a minimum of three years
- Must be at Birdie level or higher, at the time of application deadline
- Chapters must have signed their contract at least 3 years before application deadline in order to submit applicants
- Prior attendees of the Outstanding Participant Leadership Summit are not eligible to apply
- Each chapter may nominate up to two participants

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