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## **EWGA Foundation *Women On Par®* Scholarship Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is EWGA?**

EWGA is a golf organization for current and aspiring business and professional women and is dedicated to enriching the lives of women through the game of golf. The mission of the organization is connecting women to learn, play, and enjoy golf for business and for fun.

Established in 1991, EWGA is a Florida tax exempt 501(c)(6) corporation serving an international membership. This membership association delivers a wide range of golf, social and networking activities for new and experienced golfers to members at local Chapters throughout the United States and international Chapters in Canada. The organization seeks to promote the growth of women's golf and serves as an advocate for positive change on issues of importance to women golfers. EWGA is dedicated to empowering, enriching and energizing professional women through golf and seeks to provide timely, valued benefits and services to its members.

For more information about EWGA, visit our website at [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com).

### **2. What is the EWGA Foundation?**

Established in 2003, the EWGA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable tax exempt organization that, as a separate legal entity, is supported by the EWGA and funded through member contributions, donors and various fundraising activities. The EWGA Foundation exists to fund and create education and leadership programs for women of all ages, supported by these guiding principles:

The EWGA Foundation was formed to:

- Develop educational programs to improve women's leadership abilities, self-esteem, and business skills through golf;
- Encourage and enable women to serve as mentors to other women and girls;
- Develop scholarship programs to allow girls and women to pursue educational opportunities; and
- Provide financial support and promote activities designed to support other charitable organizations whose mission supports that of the EWGA Foundation

### **3. Why was the "*Women on Par®*" scholarship created?**

The "*Women on Par®*" Scholarship Program was established in 2007 to provide financial assistance to "non-traditional" female students. These scholarships are intended for women, age 30 and older, who are attending a college or university for the first time or returning to school after an absence to complete their technical/vocational, Associate or Bachelors degree. The scholarships are designed to help these women get "on par," or get an equal footing, with their peers, friends and other women who have had a chance to complete their college education.



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### **4. Who is eligible to apply for a *Women On Par®* scholarship?**

Applicants and Recipients are not required to be current or former members of the EWGA; however, they must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be female.
- Be at least 30 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
- Be a United States or Canadian citizen, or legal resident.
- Pursuing a technical/vocational, Associate or Bachelors degree. Candidates must be first time applicants to school, or must be returning to school after an absence to complete a degree. (If you have already obtained a Bachelor's degree, you are ineligible to apply for this scholarship)
- Currently enrolled, or accepted to an accredited school, college or university.
- Exhibit a need for financial assistance. (Household income of less than \$50,000)

Current and former EWGA members and their immediate family members are eligible to apply for the scholarship so long as the aforementioned eligibility requirements are met. Members of the EWGA Headquarters Staff, Association Board, Foundation Board and the Foundation Board Selection Committee and their immediate families are not eligible.

### **5. I do not play golf, and I am not a member of EWGA. Does this prevent me from applying for a *Women On Par®* scholarship?**

No. You do not have to play golf or be a current or former member of the EWGA to apply for or receive this scholarship.

### **6. If an applicant is a current or former member of EWGA, will she receive preferential consideration?**

No. Current or former membership in EWGA does not provide preferential treatment to any applicant.

### **7. How much money will be awarded?**

In 2017, two (2) scholarships will be awarded: One (1) \$1,000 *Women On Par®* scholarship and one (1) \$500 *Women On Par®* scholarship.

### **8. What is the selection process and timeline for submission?**

**This application process is a two-step process.** Only the application form, including the personal essay and validation of current enrollment in or acceptance to an accredited school are required to be submitted in the first phase of the application process. **Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2017 through April 15, 2017 or until 200 applications are received, whichever occurs first.** Applications



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must be postmarked by April 15, 2017 to be considered. **Only the first 200 applications received during this time period will be considered for a 2017 Women On Par® Scholarship by the Scholarship Selection Committee.** Once the first 200 applications have been received, a notice will be posted on the EWGA Foundation section of the EWGA website ([www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com)) under the *Foundation* tab, and at [www.ewgafoundation.com](http://www.ewgafoundation.com) and the application acceptance process will be closed.

**The first phase of the selection process involves an initial screening of applications to ensure that the application has been completed in full and all instructions have been followed by the applicant.** Failure to complete all required sections of the application and follow instructions will result in disqualification of the application. The application and personal essay must be typed. **Handwritten applications and personal essays will not be considered.**

Applications that meet all of the submission requirements for the first phase of the process will then be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee with **a pool of applicants selected to participate in the second phase of the application process.** All initial applicants will be notified by e-mail (or U.S. mail if the candidate does not have an email address) by May 15, 2017, concerning their status in the application process.

**The applicants chosen as finalists for the scholarship will be entered into phase two of the selection process** and will be asked to provide official school transcripts (from previously attended schools), financial documentation (Form 1040 filed with the IRS or any foreign equivalent tax form filed for tax year 2016) and three sealed letters of recommendation. Detailed instructions for finalists completing phase two of this application process will be posted on the EWGA Foundation section of the EWGA website ([www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com)) under the *Foundation* tab and at [www.ewgafoundation.com](http://www.ewgafoundation.com) on May 15, 2017. This information packet must be submitted by the finalists postmarked no later than June 1, 2017.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all finalists' applications and the two winners will be announced no later than June 15, 2017.

### **9. How will I know when the first 200 applications have been received?**

Only the first 200 applications will be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Once the first 200 applications have been received, a notice will be posted on the EWGA Foundation section of the EWGA website ([www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com)) under the *Foundation* tab and at [www.ewgafoundation.com](http://www.ewgafoundation.com) and the application acceptance process will be closed.



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**10. Who is on the Scholarship Selection Committee?**

The Scholarship Selection Committee is comprised of three (3) members of the EWGA Foundation Board and two (2) at-large EWGA members who are not members of the Foundation Board.

**11. What if I choose not to answer all of the application questions or provide all required documentation?**

For Phase One of the application process, applicants must submit the following materials in order for the application to be considered:

- Completed application form. All information must be provided as required in Sections 1-11 of the form for your application to be considered. The application form and personal essay must be typed. **Handwritten forms will not be accepted.**
- Proof of current enrollment in, or acceptance to, an accredited school
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope if you do not have an email address (this is required in order to inform you of the selection of the scholarship finalist pool and your individual status in the application process).

If you are selected to advance to Phase Two of the application process as a scholarship Finalist, you must submit the following materials in order for your application to be considered:

- Official transcripts from schools previously attended
- Three (3) sealed letters of reference
- Official financial documentation of your 2016 income (Form 1040 as filed with the IRS or foreign equivalent).

An incomplete application, including unanswered questions, missing documentation and/or inappropriate formatting, will not be evaluated.

**12. What if I have questions when filling out the application?**

Please address any questions you have about this scholarship application to [foundation@myewga.com](mailto:foundation@myewga.com).

**13. What if I can't download the documents?**

Email a request for forms to [foundation@myewga.com](mailto:foundation@myewga.com)



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**14. If selected as the scholarship winner, will the scholarship funds be sent to me or my school?**

The scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution where the award recipient is enrolled or has been accepted to attend. Payment will be made by no later than July 15, 2017.

**15. Can I apply again if not selected this time?**

Yes.

**16. Can I apply again if I am selected for one of this year's scholarships?**

Yes