



## **Maryland State Golf Association – Women's Division**

### ***Junior Girls Grant Program***

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***The purpose of the MSGA Junior Girls Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to junior female golfers from Maryland who have the playing ability to compete in junior golf competitions at the state, regional and/or national level but whose participation is limited by financial constraints. The program will reimburse players up to \$500 for expenses incurred while participating in tournaments.***

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#### **To be eligible the applicant must:**

- Be between the ages of 13-18 when competing in the junior golf competition in which they will seek reimbursement through the MSGA Junior Girls Grant Program *and* meet the USGA definition of a junior golfer:  
*An amateur golfer who has not reached the September 1 following graduation from secondary school or their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever comes first.*
- Be a resident of the state of Maryland.
- Complete the entire application, including the narrative portion, explaining why she should receive this grant.

#### **To be eligible, the applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) must:**

- Complete the application and narrative portion of the application, describing the family's financial situation. Though supporting documents to verify financial standing are not required, submission of such documents is encouraged in order to clearly establish the need for financial assistance.

*All candidates who meet the above requirements are eligible to apply. Recipients will be selected by the MSGA Junior Grant Committee. Grant recipients will be selected and notified by the Committee.*

## **Important Information:**

- Grant recipients will be selected by the MSGA Junior Grant Committee.
- Completed applications must be emailed to the address noted on the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Past performance in golf competition and financial need will be important criteria in evaluating applications.
- In accordance with the USGA's Rules of Amateur Status, grants funds are intended to cover expenses associated with competing in an event limited exclusively to junior golfers. *Expenses may include transportation and travel costs, accommodations and lodging, meals and refreshments, entry fees, caddie fees, cart fees, and practice round fees.* Grant recipients will receive reimbursement for such expenses after proper documentation (*such as receipts*) has been submitted to and approved by the MSGA.
- This program is being administered by the Maryland State Golf Association in strict accordance with the USGA's Rules of Amateur Status.
- Grants may only be used for events which are limited exclusively to junior golfers and are generally accepted and recognized as prominent state, regional or national events. The MSGA Junior Grant Committee will use the *Golfweek Performance Rankings* listing as a guide in determining which events would qualify. *Examples of such events include American Junior Golf Association events, the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship and qualifying events for the Championship, U.S. Women's Amateur Championship and qualifying events for the Championship, Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour, PGA Junior Series events, the PGA Junior Championship and qualifying events for the Championship, and the Independent Insurance Agents Junior Classic and qualifying events for the Championship.*
- Expenses incurred by grantees for reimbursement from grant funds may be submitted for reimbursement at the grantee's discretion.
- The MSGA Junior Grant Committee reserves the right to withhold funding for a grant recipient in certain circumstances, such as unbecoming conduct or withdrawal from an event without a valid reason.

## **Examples of expenses covered by the MSGA Junior Girls Grant:**

- Costs incurred when traveling to and from an event. This may include gas, airfare (*junior golfer only*), airport transportation, rental cars and cabs.
- Reasonable food and beverage costs (*junior golfer only*) incurred while attending an event.
- Hotel costs incurred while attending an event (*junior golfer only, unless sharing room with parent or guardian*).
- Tournament entry fees.
- Cart or caddie fees.
- Practice round fees.

## **Examples of expenses not covered by the MSGA Junior Girls Grant:**

- Airfare for parent or guardian.
- Food and beverage costs for parent or guardian.
- Golf equipment.



**Junior golfer, please explain why you deserve to be awarded a MSGA Junior Girls Grant**

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**Please list some of your major playing accomplishments. Also attach your golf resumé.**

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**Parent or guardian, please explain why the applicant deserves to be awarded a MSGA Junior Girls Grant**

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**Return this form by email, along with narratives and any supporting documents you wish to include to:**

**Maryland State Golf Association – Emich House**

**Attn: Kelly Newland ([knewland@msga.org](mailto:knewland@msga.org))**

**Please include ‘Junior Girls Grant Application’ in the subject of your message**

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