



To: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, SENIOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, GOLF COACHES,
GOLF PROFESSIONALS & MANAGEMENT OF SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Date: Fall 2021

It is with great pride that we invite you to nominate qualifying students to receive the eleventh annual George Benson Scholarship.

ABOUT GEORGE BENSON:

George was a distinguished graduate of Brentwood High School and Duke University, a Captain in the Air Force, a successful South Hills businessman and an inspiration to those whose lives he touched. But many will remember him most for his lifelong passion for the game of golf. His many amateur titles included the West Penn Amateur and more than 20 club championships in the US and England. Always a competitor, George courageously fought an eight-year battle with cancer and won his final club championship in the midst of the battle in 2004.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The George Benson Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2009 by the membership of South Hills Country Club to honor their fellow member, as befits his love of golf. The Scholarship is open to deserving Western Pennsylvania Students who are currently a senior at a qualified local high school or attending a 4-year college and have demonstrated a connection to the game of golf through their athletic achievement, academic interest, or employment. In addition, all South Hills Country Club employees and their children are eligible to apply.

This scholarship is unique in that it is renewable for up to four years or until graduation, whichever is shorter. Students must maintain an above average GPA per term to continue receiving the scholarship. The scholarship's value is currently up to \$2,000 annually with a maximum of \$8,000 over 4 years.

ABOUT THE BENSON CLASSIC PRO-AM:

The winner(s) may be invited to play in the annual Benson Classic Pro-Am, at South Hills Country Club. This is the richest one-day event on the Tri-State PGA Schedule and is the primary source of funding for the Scholarship. Finally, the winner(s) and their family will be invited to attend the formal award ceremony following the golf event.

APPLYING FOR THE GEORGE BENSON SCHOLARSHIP:

Any interested candidate must fill out and submit the enclosed application by the November 30, 2021, deadline along with the other requested information.

The committee will weigh character, academic success, financial need, community service and connection to the game of golf in determining those applicants who will be named as Finalists for the Scholarship. Finalists will then be invited to interview in the Spring of 2022 with committee members, after which the successful candidate(s) will be named.

Sincerely,

George Benson Scholarship Committee