



SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB



Evans Scholars Program

South Hills Country Club members support the Evans Scholars Program in helping deserving young caddies in pursuit of a college education. The Evans Scholarship is a full tuition and housing college scholarship for high-achieving caddies with limited financial means.



Our goal at South Hills Country Club is to continue to increase the number of members supporting the Evans Scholars Par Club (minimum donation of \$250 per year) resulting in all SHCC Lockers having an ES Par Club magnet on them.



EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

By The Numbers

The Western Golf Association, headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, has supported the Chick Evans Scholarship Program through the Evans Scholars Foundation. As the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies, the Evans Scholars Foundation has helped thousands of hardworking young men and women get to college since 1930. A record 1,260 youth caddies are enrolled across the nation as Evans Scholars for the 2025-26 academic year, and more than 12,575 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program was founded.

The Evans Scholars Program addresses the barriers to college graduation faced by students and prepares them for a lifetime of success. Evans Scholars graduate at a rate of **98%** significantly higher than national averages for the student populations the Program serves. After graduation, Evans Scholars are well-prepared to build successful careers. **96%** of Class of 2024 Evans Scholars were employed full-time or attending graduate school within six months of graduation. This far exceeds the success rates of their non-Evans Scholar peers and truly demonstrates the life-changing impact of the Evans Scholarship.

1,260

Evans Scholars in school for the 2025-26 academic year

3.3

Cumulative GPA of the 1,260 Evans Scholars in school

\$41 Million

Annual Evans Scholars Program Costs



\$125,000

Evans Scholarship Value

40%

Percentage of Scholars who are first-generation college students

\$70,000

Average family income of the families of Evans Scholars

To be eligible to apply for an Evans Scholarship for caddies, candidates must meet the following:

Strong caddie record

Excellent academics

Outstanding character

Demonstrated financial need

The Evans Scholars Foundation was named **Scholarship Provider of the Year** by the National Scholarship Providers Association (NSPA) during the NSPA Awards of Excellence Dinner on Oct. 16, 2024 at the organization's annual conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. The NSPA Scholarship Provider of the Year Award showcases scholarship providers that leverage their unique resources to strengthen college access and success, improve conditions in their communities, kick-start innovation and contribute to advancements in the scholarship industry.



In recognition of the foundation's governance and other best practices for nonprofit organizations, the Evans Scholars Foundation has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. A coveted 4-star rating, the highest honor possible, recognizes the foundation's sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability. Only 17 percent of the charities evaluated have received at least five consecutive 4-star evaluations. In addition, the Evans Scholars Foundation is a platinum-level GuideStar participant demonstrating its commitment to transparency.



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Evans Scholars Program Overview

CURRENT & NEWLY AWARDED SOUTH HILLS EVANS SCHOLARS



Michael Pantelis

Penn State University '26
Finance

"I would like to sincerely thank all those who have supported the scholarship that I am honored to receive. Thank you to the members of South Hills for the opportunity to pursue higher education."



Calvin Terza

Penn State University '26
Industrial Engineering

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude towards all those involved with the scholarship at South Hills, specifically for their endless support towards the scholarship foundation."



Benjamin Ambrose

Penn State University '27
Accounting

"Thank you for honoring me with the Evans Scholarship. Your support allows me to have an abundance of eye-opening experiences at my fingertips and a family of over 40 friends right outside my door."



Jacob Wincko

Penn State University '27
Chemistry

"I want to thank everyone who has given the hardworking group of Evans Scholars across the country a chance to live together in community. I am extremely grateful to be attending Penn State."



Christian Villa

Penn State University '28
Aerospace Engineering

"I want to say thank you to all the people who supported me and provided me with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The Evans Scholarship has truly changed my life, and I will be forever grateful."



Zachary Auel

Penn State University '29
Kinesiology

"I am attending Penn State and majoring in Kinesiology. Not only am I expecting to gain knowledge with my college education, but I am going to learn how to be the best that I can be in my profession."



Tyler Feth

Penn State University '29
Engineering

"I am excited about the journey ahead and the possibilities that lie within a college education. The Chick Evans Scholarship represents not just financial support but also a belief in the potential of its recipients."



Connor Dusch

Penn State University '30
Newly Awarded Scholar

"Working as a caddie at South Hills Country Club has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, offering invaluable lessons in both personal growth and responsibility."

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Name	School	Grad. Year	Company/Organization	Title
Stephen Bishop	Penn State University	2001	Solar Financial Group	Financing Director
David Shoemaker	Miami University	2018	LREI	Technology Associate
Alexx Suchy	Penn State University	2019	National Golf Links of America	Assistant Golf Professional
Alex Garda	Penn State University	2021	Office of the Comptroller of Currency	Assistant National Bank Examiner
Nick Pantelis	Penn State University	2021	Enhanced Information Solutions	Senior MES Consultant
Adam Brueggman	Penn State University	2021	American Junior Golf Association	Regional Manager, Northeast

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Par Club Contributors to the Evans Scholars Foundation in 2023, 2024 and 2025

	2023	2024	2025*
SILVER			
Bill and Linda Cline	✓		
Gary and Karen Evans*	✓	✓	✓
Michael and Chris Hanzel*	✓	✓	✓
HOLE-IN-ONE & LIFE			
Matthew Bartek	✓	✓	✓
Stephen and Melissa Bailey		✓	✓
Tim Brashear		✓	✓
William Garvey*	✓	✓	✓
Andrew and Gail Vater	✓	✓	✓
Chuck and Lynn Voelker*	✓	✓	✓
Jonathan Voelker*	✓	✓	✓
Mike and Amanda Voelker	✓	✓	✓
Gary and Denise Wobb	✓	✓	✓
EAGLE			
Doug and Heather Morally		✓	
BIRDIE			
Michael Cox			✓
Terrence and Valerie Kenny		✓	✓
Cory Krebs		✓	✓
John and Kathryn Miehl	✓	✓	✓
Nathan and Allison Woods	✓	✓	✓
PAR CLUB			
Christopher Blass		✓	✓
James Collins		✓	✓
Matthew Collins		✓	✓
Jim and Eda Dean	✓	✓	✓
Doug and Suzan Dunn	✓	✓	✓
Tim Evans		✓	✓
Jim Faccenda	✓	✓	✓
Greg Finerty	✓	✓	✓
Darryl and Betsy Fluhme	✓	✓	✓
Mark and Marian Gannon	✓	✓	✓
JR Gielarowski	✓	✓	✓
Steve Gielarowski	✓	✓	✓
Ed Horan		✓	✓
Mike and Tori Horan		✓	✓
William Houston		✓	✓
Ben Huber		✓	✓
John Innocenti	✓	✓	✓
Domenic Laudato	✓	✓	✓
Timothy Leonard		✓	✓
Paul Mackey		✓	✓
Bruce McIlrath	✓	✓	✓
Thomas Melby		✓	✓
Karl Meyer		✓	✓
Donald Nyalka	✓	✓	✓
James Petrick		✓	✓
Jeff and Deborah Recker	✓	✓	✓
Joseph Rongaus		✓	✓
Vince and Terry Sands	✓	✓	✓
Tom Shanahan	✓	✓	✓
Kevin Smith		✓	✓
Larry and Dorothy Souleret	✓	✓	✓
James Stokes		✓	✓
Frank Taucher, Jr.		✓	✓
John and Vicky Thatcher		✓	✓
Timothy and Marcia Veith	✓	✓	✓
Joe Venturella	✓	✓	✓
Marty and Carol White	✓	✓	✓
Thomas Will		✓	✓

*WGA Director

Evans Scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

- Excellent academics
- Outstanding character and leadership
- Strong caddie record
- Demonstrated financial need

For more information on the Evans Scholarship and our youth caddie program, please contact a South Hills WGA Directors:

- Gary Evans
- Bill Garvey
- Mike Hanzel
- Chuck Voelker
- Jay Voelker



WGA Director Gary Evans with South Hills Evans Scholars at the opening of the J. Wood Platt Evans Scholars Scholarship House at Penn State University on September 22, 2019. The Evans Scholars Foundation is supported by the Western Golf Association and is currently providing full tuition and housing Evans Scholarships for 1,260 caddies of modest means around the country. We are sincerely grateful for your support.

