



R&A Foundation Scholarship – University / College Support Guidelines

Mission Statement

"To identify and assist the development of student golfers of international standard during their course of study"

The R&A Foundation Scholarship process and awards underwent a review during 2021. Going forward a reduced number of scholarships will be awarded but there will be an increase in the amount granted to individuals selected for a scholarship. Four categories of award has been established with the qualifying criteria for each category outlined below.

Our aim is to ensure an R&A Foundation Scholarship is deemed worthy of receipt of this prestigious award and that a recipient fully embraces their connection to The R&A.

Terms & Conditions

- The tenure of the scholarship is one year with renewal on an annual basis
- Individuals can apply, on an annual basis for up to a maximum of five years
- Scholars within Great Britain and Ireland are expected to enter a minimum of 2/5 Student Tour Series events (excluding the Final event) otherwise the scholarship funding may be recouped.
- 90% of any award must be used for golf-related expenses
- Scholarships will be awarded in four levels as shown below:
 - Platinum Award: A maximum of 5 awards per annum
 - Gold Award: A maximum of 10 awards
 - Silver Award: A maximum of 20 awards
 - Bronze Award: A maximum of 30 awards

Eligibility criteria

The applicant:

- must be a student in full time, third level, tertiary education (applicants in high school need not apply)
- is intending to attend or currently attending a university or college outside of the USA and Mexico for a full academic year of study
- must be of good character and conduct
- must have his or her application endorsed by his or her academic institution

Application & Shortlisting Process

- Scholarship applications forms are available via [this link](#) from Friday 8 September to 12noon UK on Monday 2 October 2023.
- Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. Please submit questions to FoundationScholars@randa.org

- Applicants will be assessed on their suitability for the scholarship based on the strength of their applications and their performance in the online selection interview(s), if required.
- Applicants shortlisted for selection interview(s) will be informed via e-mail.
- Applicants must ensure that they are available to attend the online interviews if requested, in order to be considered for the scholarship.
- Scholarship applications will be withdrawn if applicants are unable to attend any scheduled selection interview(s) without valid reason(s).
- The selection panel reserves the right not to award any scholarship if there are no candidates of sufficient merit however extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration.
- Your golf programme administrator/academic institution will be asked to provide feedback on your application within one week of applications closing.
- The decision of the selection panel is final.

Expectations and obligations

As a recipient of this scholarship, the student-athlete agrees and declares to:

- abide by all policies and decisions determined by the selection panel;
- comply with the requirements as laid down by the selection panel and to accept and respond in a positive manner to their constructive feedback;
- abide by the spirit, as well as the letter, of the Rules of Golf;
- demonstrate consistency and self-discipline, and show the desire to achieve top international elite performance;
- behave appropriately at all times both on and off the competition arena;
- extend all necessary cooperation when requested by The R&A to be involved in and/or make appearances in events which include but are not limited to promotional campaigns, functions and seminars.

Award Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a Platinum Award, applicants should:

1. Hold Ranking inside Top 100 on WAGR
2. Played in the Walker Cup or Curtis Cup or a Major International Team Match in past 24 months
3. Won an International Men's or Women's Major Amateur Championship (e.g. Men's / Women's Amateur Championship, Asia-Pacific Amateur, European Amateur Championship or equivalent)
4. Several podium (top3) finishes at Major Amateur Championships / High Ranking International events

To be eligible to apply for a Gold Award, applicants should:

1. Hold a ranking inside the Top 500 on WAGR
2. Players receiving a full International senior cap (representing their home country) in the past 24 months
3. Member of an Arnold Palmer Cup Team in past 24 months
4. Winner of a National senior men's / senior women's Order Of Merit event in their home country
5. Represented The Continent or GB&I or equivalent at a major U18 International match
6. Top 10 in National senior men/women's domestic Order Of Merit event in their home country

7. Multiple winner of R&A Student Tour Series events in a previous season
8. Top 5 in R&A Student Tour Series Order Of Merit from the previous season

To be eligible to apply for a Silver Award, applicants should:

1. Hold Rankings in Top 1500 on WAGR
2. Players receiving a full International junior cap (U18 – representing home country) in past 24 months
3. Winner of a National U18 men's / women's Order Of Merit event in their home country
4. Top 5 in National U18 men/women's domestic Order Of Merit event in their home country
5. Top 20 in National senior men/women's domestic Order Of Merit event in their home country
6. Winner of a R&A Student Tour Series event in previous season
7. Top 10 male / Top 5 female in R&A Student Tour Series Order Of Merit from the previous season

To be eligible to apply for a Bronze Award, applicants should:

1. Represented their Province /Region / County team in the last 24 months
2. Top 20 male / Top 10 female in R&A Student Tour Series Order Of Merit from the previous season
3. Winner of a National Intervarsity championship in their home country, e.g. BUCS Student Tour event/ Irish Intervarsity or equivalent. The event must be a minimum of 54 holes.
4. Several Top 15 finishes at domestic championships in their home country.
5. Minimum handicap index of +2 or better for men / 0 (Scratch) or better for women