

Justin Thomas Fund 2016 Grant Application

A Kentucky Golf Foundation Program



Justin starting playing golf at the age of two and was competing in tournaments by the age of eight, winning his first tournament that June in the 12 and Under Division. Justin has won 125 individual events on the local, national and international stage, and has been a part of many victorious teams. One of the top players in the Polo Junior rankings and a Polo All American in 2010, Justin went to high school at St. Xavier High School in Louisville, winning the state high school championship both individually and twice as a team. He was named Mr. Golf in Kentucky in 2009. In 2010, Justin won the Terra Cotta Invitational, with a final round 66, his first major amateur win. That summer he was runner-up at the US Junior Amateur and in 2011, Justin won the International Junior Byron Nelson Award.

Justin continued his golf at the University of Alabama where he won the first college event he played in, The Carpet Classic, firing a 30 on his final nine. In addition to winning the prestigious Jones Cup Invitational, one of the top prizes in amateur golf, Justin won six events as an individual. As a freshman, Justin won the Haskins Award and the Jack Nicklaus Award, as the national NCAA Division I Player of the Year, and the Phil Mickelson Award as the Freshman Player of the Year. He was a SEC Champion as an individual and twice a member of the Alabama team in 2012 & 2013, Justin was also named SEC Player of the Year in 2012. A semifinalist in the 2012 US Amateur, he has also been a member of a AJGA Canon Cup team, two Palmer Cup teams, a Junior Ryder Cup team, the USGA World Amateur team in 2012, and a member of the winning 2013 NCAA Championship and Walker Cup teams.

In his rookie season on the PGA Tour, Justin hit a hole-in-one at the Greenbrier Classic. For his hole-in-one, Justin was awarded monies to be given to charities of his choice. Knowing the sacrifices parents make for their junior golfers to play national events, Justin decided to work with the Kentucky Golf Foundation to establish the Justin Thomas Fund. The Justin Thomas fund provides a \$5,000 grant to a Kentucky junior golfer whose performance record demonstrates they have the potential to play at the collegiate level enabling them to play a more robust national junior schedule with the goal to gain more exposure and earn a college golf scholarship.



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ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES:

To be eligible, applicants must

- Be at least 14 years of age and not have graduated from high school
- Be a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Complete Part I, Part II and III of Grant Application
- Provide Performance Record to include results and scoring details

Important Information

- Grant Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, May 13, 2016
- Selection of Grant recipients will be announced by May 31
- Applicants will be evaluated by the Justin Thomas Grant Committee based on past performance in golf competitions and essay response
- Single grant of \$5,000
- The Justin Thomas Grant Committee reserves the right to withhold funding for a grant recipient in certain circumstances, such as unbecoming conduct and withdrawing from an event without a valid reason
- In accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status, a grant may cover expenses associated with competing in an event limited exclusively to junior golfers (transportation and travel costs, accommodations and lodging, meals and refreshments, entry fees, caddie fees, cart fees, and practice round fees), and the recipient will receive reimbursement for such expenses after proper documentation (receipts) have been submitted

Examples of eligible expenses:

- 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 only, unless sharing room with parent or guardian)
- Tournament entry fees
- Cart or caddie fees
- Practice round fees

Examples of ineligible expenses:

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

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____

Currently, I am a high school: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

Parent Phone #: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

PART II - APPLICANT ESSAY

- Please explain why you feel as though you deserve to be awarded a Justin Thomas Grant
- Essay must be typed and double spaced
- Essay should be no more than two pages

PART III - PERFORMANCE RECORD

- Please provide your performance record for at least the last two years
- Record should include scores in addition final results
- Performance Record must be typed

SUBMISSION

Return Application by mail with Part II, III to:

Kentucky Golf Foundation
Attention: Justin Thomas Grant
1116 Elmore Just Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40245

OR by email to:

Erin Horn
ehorn@kygolf.org

Applications must be received at Golf House Kentucky
by 4 p.m. on May 13, 2016