



**MGA**

CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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& NAMED  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

## THE MGA CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The MGA Caddie Scholarship Fund (MGACSF), formerly called the Westchester Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Fund, Inc. (WGACSF), is a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational, nonprofit organization that provides financial need-based scholarships to caddies and others who work in service to golf at local participating golf and country clubs throughout the following counties: Fairfield (CT), Bronx, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester (NY) counties.

It was founded in 1956 by renowned amateur golfer Willie Turnesa and his good friend Udo Reinach. Today, the Fund awards an average of 200 scholars a year, representing an annual one-year tuition commitment of more than \$1 million. The MGA Caddie Scholarship Fund is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country.

## ABOUT THE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Endowed Scholarship Program was created to provide the Fund with an ongoing, permanent source of funding for future scholarship recipients. Proceeds from the program augment the long-established annual fundraising efforts of the MGACSF, including the Bag Tag program, the Pro-Am tournament and the Golf Marathon.

The establishment of endowed scholarships provides permanent funding that enables the MGACSF to expand its support to scholarship applicants facing financial hardships.

Endowed scholarships give donors a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and wishes of a loved one, or to say thank you to an individual, family or organization that has supported the MGACSF's mission.

## BY THE NUMBERS



2008

ENDOWED PROGRAM BEGAN WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE PATON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



108

SCHOLARS HAVE RECEIVED AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP  
*\*INCLUDES 2025 RECIPIENTS*



32

ENDOWED SCHOLARS FOR 2025/26



26

AVERAGE NUMBER OF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED EACH YEAR



\$3,578

AVERAGE AMOUNT ANNUALLY AWARDED PER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



\$50,000

MINIMUM COMMITMENT NEEDED TO ESTABLISH A NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

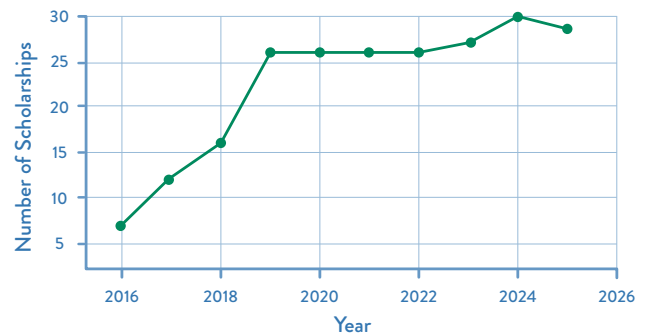


\$3,300,000

IN ENDOWED FUNDS

## PROGRAM GROWTH

Number of Endowed Scholarships Awarded by Year



## GETTING STARTED

The ideal prospect is an individual, family or organization that has a love for and appreciation of the game of golf, and would like to provide a permanent memorial by creating a scholarship in their name.

- The donor and the MGACSF will enter into an Endowed Scholarship Program agreement, which stipulates the details of the scholarship and the obligations of both parties. Funding methods will be agreed upon and the fund will be established as soon as funds are received by the MGACSF.
- To establish a new endowed scholarship, an initial minimum commitment of \$50,000 is required. This amount can be contributed all at once, or over a period as long as five years. Original and subsequent contributions have been made by holding annual tournaments, memorial contributions, testamentary directives or targeted solicitations.
- With the donor's permission, the MGACSF will announce the establishment of the endowed fund to the local and golf media. Annually, the recipients of the scholarship will be announced to the press. Each year, the fund will be listed in the annual report of the MGACSF, showing the current recipient(s).

## TO GET STARTED

Contact the MGACSF at 914-347-2340 or email [info@caddiescholarship.org](mailto:info@caddiescholarship.org). The MGACSF staff is available to guide you through the process of establishing an endowed or named scholarship.

## FAQs

### **How will the investment principal of the scholarship funds be invested?**

The MGACSF Investment Committee oversees the investment of the funds. The conservative principles guiding the investments are set forth in the investment policy and guidelines, which is available upon request. Investment results are reviewed quarterly and are audited and reported annually. Donors will receive an annual summary of their fund's activity, including investment results, awards made, and current balances.

### **How large is the scholarship award in any given year?**

Generally, 5% of the three year trailing average of the FMV (Fair Market Value) principal amount of the endowment is made available for the award(s).

### **What connection will donors have with the scholarship fund?**

Each year, donors will receive information from the MGACSF regarding the candidates for that year's award. Donors will be welcomed to sit in on scholarship interviews and after the awardee is determined, they will be encouraged to congratulate the recipients. From time to time, donors and scholarship recipients might be brought together at a social event sponsored by the MGACSF.

### **How will a donor's philanthropic goals be achieved?**

The program allows donors to "personalize" a scholarship by determining those issues which are most important to them, and to direct funds to be used in a targeted fashion. For example, donors might require that the recipient(s) of their scholarship fund be affiliated with a specific member club, or reside in a specific geographical area, attend a certain college/university, or pursue a designated line of study. 100% of the funds contributed will be invested and 100% of the income from those funds will be paid out in scholarships.

## MGACSF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS



### The Alumni Scholarship Fund

The MGACSF Alumni Scholarship will be awarded for the first time for the

2026/27 academic year. The scholarship will recognize a student or students who have caddied or worked in service to golf and have demonstrated unusual or exemplary qualities in light of challenging life circumstances or background.



### Clara and Daniel Assumma Memorial Scholarship

John Assumma, longtime General Manager of Waccabuc Country Club, established this scholarship in tribute to his parents. An annual family reunion tournament funded the

scholarship. This award is available to any outstanding scholar, with preference given to a scholar from Waccabuc attending Columbia University and/or studying higher education.



### John J. Balco Scholarship Fund

The late John Balco was one of the first caddies looping at Old Oaks Country Club to receive a caddie scholarship, in 1957.

Although several applicants that year were qualified to receive scholarships from the

newly established scholarship fund, there were insufficient funds available to make awards to all of them. John was to receive recognition, but no financial award, until Sally Francis, a member at The Apawamis Club and a friend of Willie Turnesa, provided the balance of funds necessary to make certain that all of the qualified caddies received financial assistance. In 2013, he decided to establish an endowed scholarship, funded by a donation and additional funds through his estate.



### Joe Barreiro Scholarship Fund

Joe Barreiro, the longtime caddie manager at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, retired in March 2018. Barreiro completed his first loop in 1965 at the Scarborough Club.

When Barreiro retired, he was inducted

into the national Caddie Hall of Fame. In recognition of more than 50 years of service, the membership of Sleepy Hollow made contributions in his honor to establish the Joe Barreiro Scholarship Fund. It couldn't be a more fitting tribute, as during Joe's tenure, more than 100 caddies received scholarships and Joe received the Caddie Manager of the Year award not once, but twice. Awardees are caddies from Sleepy Hollow Country Club.



### Robert J. Bluestone Memorial Scholarship Fund

Over many years, Rob, a longtime member and former club president of Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford, CT, and Portmarnock in Ireland, had given tirelessly

back to the game of golf through his volunteer work with the Metropolitan Golf Association and the MGACSF. He served on the Fund's Board of Directors for 15 years and served as president from 2011 to 2012. In 2017 he was the recipient of the Udo Reinach Award for his outstanding demonstrable service and support of the Fund in the form of time, impact, and contributions. Through all of his volunteer work for the good of the game, Rob promoted, advanced and supported the traditions and values that golf has historically stood for.

The Robert J. Bluestone Memorial Scholarship Fund was established shortly after his passing in 2021, thanks to many generous donors. The Fund, in Rob's name, helps to provide college scholarships for young men and women at Rockrimmon Country Club.



### Carpiniello/Santa-Donato Family Scholarship

The Carpiniello/Santa-Donato Family scholarship was started by Frank Santa-Donato, CSF Class of 1970, and Dan Carpiniello as a tribute to their fathers, Frank Santa-Donato Sr. and

Antonio "Butch" Carpiniello. Frank Sr. and Butch were lifelong friends who caddied at Westchester County clubs in their youth, and shared a passionate love for golf throughout their lives. In support of the scholarship, the Santa-Donato family made the single largest contribution to the MGACSF, and awards are made to applicants who have the highest need and/or have shown an ability to overcome obstacles in life.

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### Paul R. Dillon Scholarship

Paul Dillon had an important influence on golf in the New York Metropolitan area for many years, serving as the president of the Metropolitan Golf Association, the Westchester Golf Association and the

MGACSF, as well as coaching the Fordham University golf team. In his later years, Paul became an accomplished painter, creating portraits of some of golf's greats, as well as several important contributors to the local golf scene. Paul's friends and the membership at Winged Foot Golf Club joined his family in establishing this lasting scholarship to memorialize his efforts and lifelong commitment to golf. Awardees are from Winged Foot Golf Club, where Paul was a longtime member.



### Edward J. Doyle Scholarship

The late Ed Doyle graduated from Manhattan College in 1965 with a mechanical engineering degree. Ed was a longtime board member of the MGACSF and chaired the Alumni Committee, hosting several caddie alumni

outings at his club, Oronoque Country Club. The MGACSF honored Ed with the first Sally Francis Award in 2006, presented to an outstanding alumnus. The Edward J. Doyle Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 to pay tribute to his loyalty and dedicated service to the Fund. Awards can be made to any scholar, preferably one who is studying engineering.



### Mike and Patti Fishbach Memorial Scholarship

Mike Fishbach was a longtime member of Rockrimmon Country Club and an ardent supporter of the Fund. He passed away suddenly in November 2014. A respected

attorney, avid golfer and family man, his wife Patti, and children Debra O'Keefe and Barry Fishbach, decided a college scholarship for a deserving caddie in need would be something Mike would appreciate. The endowed fund was established in 2016, through contributions made in memory of Mike from family and friends.

Patti Gittelman Fishbach took up golf as a way of spending time with Mike, but she was quickly hooked. Patti was very proud of the memorial caddie scholarship and was an active participant in selecting recipients. In 2022, Patti was especially thrilled that the scholarship was awarded to a female caddie for the first time. With Patti's passing in November 2022, her family renamed the scholarship to the Mike and Patti Fishbach Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the couple. Awards are made to outstanding Rockrimmon Country Club caddies.



### Joe Germano Scholarship Fund

During the American Seniors Golf Association farewell dinner at the 2019 ASGA Summer Championship, Executive Director Kevin Patterson announced that the MGACSF would be the 2019 recipient of the

Association's Charitable Trust contribution. The contribution was the foundation of what would be an endowed scholarship in Joe Germano's name, in recognition of his many, many years of service to the game of golf, especially during his 22-year membership of the ASGA. Germano has been a member of Bonnie Briar Country Club since the 1960s and a longtime supporter of the MGACSF.

The Joe Germano Scholarship is awarded to eligible students from any participating club who are enrolled in a ROTC program.



### Thomas M. Goff Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thomas "Tommy" M. Goff, CSF Class of 2007, passed away suddenly on March 30, 2019. A friend to many on and off the golf course, this scholarship fund was established by Tommy's

friends and family to honor his legacy. Tommy began caddieing at Knollwood Country Club in 1999 at the age of 14. It was his lifelong dream to become a Yonkers police officer. In 2015, Tommy fulfilled his dream and was a police officer for the City of Yonkers for three and a half years until he passed away.

On September 24, 2019, the first Tommy Goff Memorial Golf Outing - the largest event that the MGACSF has ever been a part of - was held at three venues, including Knollwood Country Club, to accommodate more than 280 golfers. This scholarship is awarded to students who have caddied at Knollwood Country Club and/or have an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

## MGACSF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS



### **Leonard M. Marx Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The Leonard M. Marx Sr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Leonard Marx. Marx was a longtime member of Sunningdale Country Club, where he earned the title of Club Champion in 1945 and again in 1952. He was an outstanding scholar who graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Sheffield School of Engineering at Yale in 1925 and became a successful commercial real estate developer in the New York Metropolitan Area. He and his wife, Virginia, were active philanthropists and he spent much of his life, until he died at 97 years old in 2002, dedicated to enriching the lives of families and children. Awardees are those in service to golf at Sunningdale Country Club.



### **NEW ENDOWED Mary R. Odom Scholarship Fund**

Mary Odom was the daughter of Udo Reinach, the co-founder of the Caddie Scholarship Fund. Odom passed away in 2020 but left an incredible legacy. Mary grew up with Willie Turnesa, the co-founder of the Fund. Originally established in 2021 as a Named Scholarship, this new Endowed Fund is intended to provide scholarship awards to MGACSF recipients who have caddied or worked in service to golf at any participating club. Special consideration will be given to female caddies who are top applicants.



### **Bobby O. Ormond Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Bobby Ormond was the Caddie Manager at Knollwood Country Club for 38 years. He was a beloved mentor, father figure and friend. During Bobby's tenure, 90 of his caddies received scholarships. He was awarded the MGACSF Caddie Manager of the Year in 1996. In August of 2012, family and friends organized a golf outing in honor of Bobby "O." Proceeds from the outing funded this scholarship and caddies from Knollwood are eligible for this award.



### **Paton Family Scholarship Fund**

This fund was established in 2008, the first of the MGACSF's endowed programs. Lee and Nancy Paton have been active officials for the WGA, WMGA, USGA and LPGA competitions for many years. Nancy has served as president of the WMGA, has served on the USGA Women's Mid-Am Committee and was Chairperson of the 2005 USGA Senior Women's Amateur. Lee served terms as president of both the Westchester Golf Association and the MGACSF and was presented with the Udo Reinach Award of Distinction in 2014. Awards from this fund are primarily for those in service to golf at The Apawamis Club.



### **William S. Perper Scholarship Fund**

William Perper was a longtime member of Westchester Country Club and a consistent supporter of the MGACSF. The fund was established in 2012, through a bequest from Mr. Perper's estate. Awards are made to caddies from Westchester Country Club.



### **Tom Nieporte Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Tom Nieporte was the longtime head golf professional at Winged Foot Golf Club. Tom succeeded Claude Harmon, the legendary player and instructor, and held the position until his retirement in 2006. His dedication and compassion to helping others was evident throughout his role at Winged Foot. During his tenure, more than 100 caddies and others who worked in service to golf at Winged Foot received scholarships to attend college. Tom passed away on December 21, 2014 and to honor Tom's love of golf and caddieing, the Nieporte family established the Tom Nieporte Sr. Memorial Scholarship in 2015, to be awarded to outstanding Winged Foot Golf Club candidates.

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### George J. Russ Memorial Scholarship Fund

George J. Russ, MGACSF Class of 1969, passed away in 2015 and left a significant gift to the Fund through his estate. George was a caddie at the Hudson River Club in Yonkers, NY and received a scholarship to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. With the help of his family and friends, the George J. Russ Memorial Scholarship was established to pay tribute to George and to pay it forward in a way that would have pleased him. In keeping with George's long and successful career in engineering, the scholarship is intended for caddies pursuing studies in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields.



### Bob J. Thomas Scholarship Fund

Bob J. Thomas established this endowed scholarship at the end of 2018, which is the largest endowed scholarship established by a living individual. Bob currently serves as a Special Consultant to the Fund, having retired from the position of Executive Director of the Westchester Golf Association after 27 years. Bob also served as the Executive Director of the Fund from 1991-2016. He is a current and longtime Director from Knollwood Country Club, where he has been a member since 1969. Having spent time on the course with the Fund's co-founder Willie Turnesa, Bob has passed down many stories of the Westchester golf legend. Through his tenure as an employee and volunteer, Bob perpetuates the vision of Willie to help area youth through this endowed scholarship. Awards can be made to any scholar, with special consideration given to candidates from Knollwood Country Club.



### John Pinto Scholarship

John J. Pinto was a longtime Director and member of Wykagyl Country Club, where he also served as Club President. He dedicated more than ten years of service to the Fund as Chairman of the Investment Committee and treasurer before assuming the role of president, a position he

held from 2002-2006. He was the 2002 recipient of the Udo Reinach Award given in recognition of his outstanding support of the Fund in the form of time, talent, and treasure. The John Pinto Scholarship Fund was established shortly after his passing in 2020. Awards can be made to scholars from Wykagyl Country Club.



### Wayne Lyski Memorial Scholarship

Wayne Lyski passed in the fall of 2020. Beloved husband, dad, grandpa, brother, and friend, Lyski had a passion for golf and education. Lyski called The Tuxedo Club his home course and on September 27, 2021 the first Wayne Lyski Memorial Golf Outing was held.

The Wayne Lyski Memorial Fund was established in 2022 thanks to generous donations from participants in the golf outing and the Lyski family. The scholarship was awarded for the first time for the 2023-24 academic year. Awards can be made to scholars from The Tuxedo Club.



### The Howard Family Scholarship

Edwin B. Howard's love of golf started as a child as a member at Scarsdale Golf Club where he would play with his father.

Actively involved at Scarsdale for decades, he ran the Wilson Cup among other golf events. For more than a decade Ed participated, advocated, and served the game of golf through his dedication to the MGACSF and impacted the lives of the countless scholars that he worked so diligently to support.

Ed Howard established the Howard Family Scholarship Fund in 2022, with the first scholarship awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year. Awards can be made to any scholar with demonstrable need, with special consideration given to caddies and those in service to golf from Scarsdale Golf Club.

## MGACSF NAMED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Named Scholarships are similar to endowed scholarships in that they offer a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one or honor someone with a love of golf and education. Like endowed funds, they are subject to donor-imposed restrictions.

Named scholarship funds differ in that they are not permanent funds, but rather temporarily restricted assets. Temporarily restricted funds are intended to be totally expended for a specific purpose over a period of time. From memorial contributions to birthday celebrations and other events, there are many ways to establish a named scholarship.

## MGACSF NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS



### Christopher C. Hickey Scholarship Fund

Chris Hickey grew up caddieing at Woodway Country Club with his twin brother Greg. Chris passed suddenly in November 2014. A beloved husband, father and brother, Chris is missed dearly. Given his love of golf, their many

memories of caddieing together, and understanding the difference a caddie scholarship can make, Greg and his family decided a caddie scholarship would be a wonderful tribute to Chris. In 2016, the inaugural Christopher C. Hickey Invitational was held and proceeds raised from the event were used to fund the Christopher C. Hickey Scholarship, awarded to caddies with exceptional need in Westchester and Fairfield counties.



### Donald S. Dworken Scholarship

Dr. Donald Dworken was a longtime MGACSF Director representing Century Country Club. With a career in orthopedic surgery, Dr. Dworken had a particular interest in helping caddies pursuing biology

and pre-medical studies. He started the Donald S. Dworken Scholarship in 2016.



### Gladstein Family Scholarship

Joshua Gladstein, a current member of the MGACSF Board of Directors representing Sunningdale Country Club, established the Gladstein Family Scholarship Fund in 2016.

The award is intended for caddie scholars from any eligible member club and ideally are children of teachers, law enforcement officers, firefighters, military personnel, and other first responders.



### Pete Saccone Golf Scholarship

The Pete Saccone Golf Scholarship honors the life and legacy of Peter William Saccone, the longtime Operations Manager at Aspetuck Valley Country Club who passed away in 2018.

Pete began caddieing at Aspetuck Valley in 1990 and went on to serve more than 17 years as Operations Manager. Pete was a constant at Aspetuck Valley, always greeting members and guests of the club. He was a friend to everyone and would always offer a helping hand in any situation.

This scholarship was established in 2025 and ensures that Pete's spirit continues to inspire the next generation by awarding scholarships to scholars from Aspetuck Valley Country Club.



### Tormey Scholarship

The Tormey Scholarship honors the life of MGACSF alum Michael Tormey. A new Named Scholarship effective Fall 2026, it will be used to provide scholarship awards to students who have caddied at Wykagyl Country Club and show great financial need for the upcoming academic year.



### Westchester Seniors Golf Association Scholarship

The Westchester Seniors Golf Association was founded in 1927 by a group of golfers looking to promote the game through friendly competition at clubs in the Westchester and Southern Connecticut area. The WSGA funds this scholarship for an eligible and deserving caddie scholar from the Westchester area. This scholarship was originally named for Mr. Rudy Machacek, the WSGA's longtime Tournament Chairman.



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