



Player Eligibility Criteria

Foundation 59 Mission

Foundation 59 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to help competitive junior golfers earn collegiate scholarships through showing them God's love and preparing them to be successful student athletes at the next level.

The Purpose

Foundation 59 provides exceptional golf opportunities to young men and women regardless of their financial resources. We promote academic success, one-on-one mentoring, and remove the financial barriers that hinder their success.

The Criteria

To be considered for financial assistance through Foundation 59, all candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Candidates must be willing to meet regularly with their spiritual coach.
- Candidates must be between the ages of 12-18.
- Candidates must meet an academic requirement of a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Candidates must clearly establish their need for financial assistance.
- Candidates and parents must volunteer at one Foundation 59 charity event a year

All candidates who satisfy the above-mentioned requirements are eligible to apply to become a Foundation 59 athlete; however, the final selection of recipients is decided by the Board of Directors. Each candidate may apply at any time throughout the year, but acceptance and financial assistance will be offered to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.

International players may be accepted into the organization at the Board of Directors discretion, due to the difficulty of developing a standard evaluation tool that defines "competitive."

Performance Based Entry Recommendation

Foundation 59 is designed to provide financial assistance to junior golfers who can compete at the national junior level. Below is a list of average scores that we consider "competitive". If your current scores are not within our perimeters, we recommend that you still apply with the understanding that assistance will first be offered to athletes who meet this criteria.

Junior Stroke Averages

	<i>Medicus</i>	<i>Preseason</i>	<i>Scoring Average</i>	<i>Yardage</i>	<i>Course Rating</i>	<i>Slope</i>
Boys	75		75/70	6704.48	75.41	130.20
Girls	80		80/75	5846.65	74.41	124.66

Foundation 59 Financial Assistance Conditions

- All financial assistance will be awarded on a rolling basis throughout the current season. Financial assistance will be allocated in one pre-determined amount for the season and will be divided to cover various expenses at different levels.
- Acceptance into the Foundation 59 program does not guarantee acceptance into any approved tournaments or events, as these qualifications are determined by the specific tournament guidelines.
- Foundation 59 may cover costs associated with tournament fees, travel, player development, and equipment. Details regarding coverage of specific expenses will be outlined in the acceptance letter. Foundation 59 will track the recipient's account total and provide updates at the recipient's request.
- The total number of athletes supported will be determined by the total number of qualified candidates and availability of funds. Financial assistance will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If your application is denied, you will receive a letter stating the reason for decline. You may re-apply to the organization the next calendar year.
- Credit card debt will not be considered in Foundation 59's evaluation of a candidate's financial situation, but costs related to healthcare, tuition and elderly care will be taken into consideration.

Academic Requirements

Each athlete must meet these requirements to be eligible for financial assistance.

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Athlete agrees to submit their official grades to Foundation 59 every 9 weeks
- Any athlete who falls below the required 2.5 GPA in a 9 week session will be placed on academic probation
- Once on probation, if any athlete falls below the required 2.5 GPA in any 9 week session within the academic year, the athlete forfeits any and all remaining financial assistance available

Expenses and Assistance Levels

While Foundation 59 is very proud to be able to provide this opportunity to our athletes, there are specific expenses that the organization will and will NOT cover. In addition, there are limits as to what Foundation 59 considers appropriate for each event. Please refer to the details outlined below.

Expenses covered by Foundation 59

- Costs when traveling to and from a Foundation 59 approved event. This may include gas, airfare (immediate family, maximum of 4, including golfer), airport transportation, rental car, and taxi costs.
- Food and beverage costs (immediate family, maximum of 4, including golfer) while attending an approved event. This may include a meal at the host hotel and/or golf course.
- Housing costs while attending a Foundation 59 approved event. Hotel/Lodging will be setup by Foundation 59 at location convenient to the golf course holding the event.
- Foundation 59 approved tournaments, up to a maximum of five tournaments per calendar year.
- Costs associate with player development that may include a practice facility and home course along with certain equipment needs.

Expenses NOT covered by Foundation 59

- Foundation 59 will not cover airfare or lodging for anyone outside of the golfer's immediate family and any family member beyond the maximum of 4 family members to, during, and from an approved event.
- Foundation 59 will not cover airfare or lodging for non-approved tournaments regardless of distance or fare price.
- Foundation 59 will not cover the cost of transportation at approved events when transportation is being provided by the organization (i.e. shuttles, staff rides, vouchers, etc.)
- Foundation 59 will not cover the costs for alcoholic beverages.
- Foundation 59 will not cover any costs associated with an approved tournament in cases where the athlete withdrawals from the tournament.
- Foundation 59 will not cover any player costs, if a player violates the Foundation 59 Code of Conduct.
- Foundation 59 will not cover additional travel costs made through hotel room service or at the hotel gift shop. This also extends to unapproved charges for equipment and golf attire.
- Foundation 59 reserves the right to deny any costs considered "additional" when a player and his/her family are attending an approved event. Any

“additional” costs that a family may incur will be reimbursed at the Board of Directors discretion.

Application Process

- Complete the electronic application, applying to be a Foundation 59 athlete.
- **Mail or email a copy of the parents’ or guardians’ federal tax return Form 1040 and W-2 form(s).** A copy of Form 4506-T from the federal government stating your current tax situation will also be acceptable if you do not file taxes. Please include the candidates name on all forms.
- All application materials can be emailed to **tim.eames@foundation59.org** or mailed to:

**Foundation 59
2019 Ridgewood Rd.
Akron, OH 44313**

- Upon receipt of the application and necessary IRS documents, the candidate will receive a response via e-mail acknowledging the application has been received. An application will only be considered once it is complete as defined above. All applications are reviewed by Foundation 59’s Board of Directors. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All candidates who complete the application process will receive a decision letter within three (3) weeks, via letter or email, after receiving confirmation that their application has been received. It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify the application is complete if their decision is not received within three (3) weeks.