



Scholarship Foundation

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The GCWGA Scholarship Foundation was founded in 2007. The purpose and mission of the GCWGA Scholarship Foundation is to grant one-time scholarship(s) to female high school seniors who meet a certain range of qualifications. Candidates are selected on the basis of academic achievement, excellence of character, and involvement in the sport of golf. After all, these young women are our future! In 2008, the first two \$1,000 scholarships were granted. Since 2008, \$284,700 in scholarships has been awarded. The Scholarship Foundation is funded through generous private donations from our members or through their scheduled Foundation Days at their respective clubs. Additional funding comes from the GCWGA and the SHE (Scholarship for Higher Education) tournament held each year in September. If you know a girl who loves the sport of golf and meets the requirements, encourage her to apply for the scholarship. Annual deadline is March 1st. Information and applications on the scholarship can be found on www.gcwga.org.

In 2026 the GCWGA will, once again, invite the Scholarship recipients to two GCWGA Tournament luncheons to have their certificates presented. This gives the women in attendance a chance to meet these outstanding young women and the girls in turn have an opportunity to meet the main providers of the scholarships and to thank them in person.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

Sophia Bass (Seton HS)
Ohio University

Ayla Brugger (Anderson HS)
Univ of Cinti

Ella Fernandes (Mason HS)
Indiana Univ

Nora Fischesser (St Ursula Acad)
Miami University

Rachel Kohler (Kings HS)
Miami University

Emma Laker (Bishop Brossart HS)
Thomas More Univ

Jenna Lynch (Little Miami HS)
Thomas More Univ

Taylor Oberjohann (Harrison HS)
Earlham College

Sophia Rush (Fenwick HS)
Eastern Ky Univ

Maggie Seiter (Harrison HS)
UC Blue Ash

Tanya Zhang (Mason HS)
Univ of CA, Berkeley

SAVE THE DATE!

SHE Tournament (*Blue Ash*)

Sept 14th

Comments from previous scholarship recipients

"The GCWGA scholarship has been incredibly helpful in allowing me to afford my first year of tuition with minimal cost coming out of my own pocket. I am very grateful for the support, as it has eased financial stress and allowed me to focus more fully on my academics and college life. I also continue to be involved with golf by playing whenever I can and by helping out with my high school golf team. Staying connected to the sport has been very meaningful to me, and I appreciate the opportunities that GCWGA continues to provide." - Maggie Seiter, UC

"My Freshman year at Eastern Kentucky University has been filled with new adventures. I have been very active in my major, Professional Golf Management. Thanks to the GCWGA Scholarship, I was able to pay my Professional Golf Management dues and participate in their weekly golf tournaments. I passed the PGA of America Player Ability Test... Through PGM, I have acquired a summer internship at Scioto Country Club in Columbus. I am so appreciative of the generosity of the GCWGA for giving me this scholarship and it allowing me to further my career in the golf industry." -Sophie Rush, ECU

2025 Foundation Donors

Thank you to the following who donated in 2025 to help support the GCWGA Foundation!

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Kenwood
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Other Donors:

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GCWGA
GCWGA players who participated in the basket raffle and raised \$1,650

Memorial Gifts

We received gifts in memory of:

* **Diane Calkins**, proceeds from a Memorial golf outing at Miami View GC ("Pursuit of Excellence") totaling \$3,450 Thank you to David and Diane Calkins Estate, and the Miami View members!

HIGH SCHOOLS

Of the 162 scholarships distributed since the Foundation's inception, the recipients were from the following high schools: Anderson, Beechwood, Bishop Brossart, CCD, CHCA, Clermont NE, Colerain, Dixie Heights, Fairfield, Fenwick, Harrison, Highlands, Indian Hill, Kings, Lakota East, Lakota West, Little Miami, Lebanon, Loveland, Mason, Mercy McAuley, Milford, Mt. Notre Dame, Newport Central Cath, Notre Dame Acad., Oak Hills, Princeton, Randall K Cooper, Ryle, Seton, Seven Hills, Springboro, St. Henry, St. Ursula, Summit CD, Sycamore, Turpin, Ursuline, Villa Madonna, Walnut Hills, and Wyoming.

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2026 SHE TOURNAMENT RAFFLE

We are currently looking for donations for the silent auction and raffle to take place at the SHE tournament to be held on September 14th 2026 at Blue Ash Golf Course. Some great ideas are golf equipment, gift certificates, wine, gift baskets, etc... Remember, your donations are tax deductible. Rounds of golf from your clubs have been a hit for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate, please contact the SHE tournament chair, Robin Kofler at 513-604-5997 or Cindy Crilley at 513-886-0372 or at the emails listed below.

Foundation Board for 2026

Chair	Georgianne Koch (Terrace Park)	gtkoch@fuse.net
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If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us via the emails listed above.

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