



SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION  
2024

THE HENRY & SARA SHEEHAN FOUNDATION  
310 N. KENSINGTON AVE.  
LAGRANGE PARK, IL 60526





## BASIC INFORMATION

The Sara Scholarship is granted annually through the Henry & Sara Sheehan Foundation. The objective of the Sara Scholarship is to grant need-based academic scholarships to female high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence of character and are involved with the sport of golf.

**A minimum of twelve (12) \$2500 scholarships will be awarded in 2024.**

### BACKGROUND OF SARA

The Sara Scholarship was established in 2012 as part of the final will of Sara Sheehan, who passed away in 2011. Sara loved golf, and despite many years of ill health, she played as much as she could – and could often only manage a few holes. She believed that the game, aside from being fun, taught important life skills and instilled character, especially the qualities of discipline and patience.

Sara never considered herself a skilled golfer. Nevertheless, she enjoyed all aspects of the sport, whether that meant going to tournaments or simply chatting with fellow golf lovers at pro shops or clubs. Just as it didn't matter to Sara whether a player was a novice or a pro, it is immaterial to the scholarship committee whether applicants have great skill in the game or desire to play college golf. Sara wished, simply, that the applicant demonstrate some level of involvement and engagement with the sport.

### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Applicants must be female.
2. Applicants must be high school seniors with the intention to graduate at the end of the school year.
3. Applicants must meet entrance requirements and plan to enroll at an accredited college or university in the United States.
4. Applicants must have a cumulative minimum unweighted GPA (grade point average) of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
6. Applicants must demonstrate excellent character and involvement with the sport of golf. Skill in playing golf is not a criterion.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Completed Sara Scholarship Application form
2. Copy of Official High School Transcript (including Fall semester grades from senior year)
3. Applicant's personal essay (see section VI of application)
4. Copy of applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR), including the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) or Student Aid Index (SAI)
5. **ONE** letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, counselor or administrator such as a principal. As an alternative, a letter of recommendation from a local business or professional person is acceptable. Please send only **ONE** letter of recommendation. So we can confirm its validity, the letter of recommendation **MUST** be written on official or professional letterhead from the person or organization who authored the letter.

### DEADLINE

The completed Sara Scholarship application and all supporting documents (see application checklist above) **must be put in the same envelope and postmarked on or before April 30, 2024.**

#### Mailed to:

The Sara Scholarship  
The Henry & Sara Sheehan Foundation  
310 N. Kensington Ave.  
LaGrange Park, IL. 60526

**Must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2024.**

The winning applicants will be notified on or before August 15, 2024



**The completed application and all supporting documents must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2024.** Please note: In order to qualify for the Sara Scholarship, you must first file a Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Department of Education to determine your eligibility for student aid. It is extremely important to do this as soon as possible, as your FAFSA application takes time to process and deadlines vary from state to state. Once your FAFSA application is processed, the Department of Education will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR) detailing your eligibility for aid. You must send us a copy of your SAR report with your Sara Scholarship application. Refer to [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) for more information.

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II - FAMILY INFORMATION**

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

or Guardian/ Stepparents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

or Guardian/ Stepparents Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Brother's and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sister's and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Number Cell Number

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION III - SCHOLASTIC BACKGROUND

Name of your High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average - cumulative: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if GPA is weighted or unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest ACT or SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION IV - COLLEGE INFORMATION

Please list what colleges or universities you have applied to and state which is your first choice:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state, if you know, which colleges you have been accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your intended major?: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your current career and/or professional goals? How do you intend to achieve them?

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Please list any other college scholarships you have applied for, including the names, if you received the scholarship and the expected total financial aid you will receive from the scholarship while an undergraduate: *(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)*

Scholarship Name	Received (Y/N)	Financial Aid Expected
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V - PERSONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION**

A. State whether you were employed full- or part-time during your high school years, and describe the work you did: *(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)*

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B. Select 1 or 2 extracurricular activities you participated in (school, civic or community but not including golf) and describe how you contributed, what you learned and how this experience affected you: *(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)*

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C. If you have received any honors, recognitions, awards or leadership positions of any sort during the past 4 years, please list them out: *(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)*

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D. Briefly describe how you are involved in the sport of golf and what you enjoy about the experience. Please remember that skill in playing golf is not a criterion:

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E. Describe how you intend to finance your college education, indicating the ability of your parents to assist you: *(Please attach a separate page if necessary.)*

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION V - PERSONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION, CONT'D

Enter your parents'/guardians' combined gross income for the most recent calendar year: \_\_\_\_\_

Reminder: In order to qualify for the Sara Scholarship, you must include a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) provided to you from the U.S. Department of Education. In order to receive an SAR, you must first fill out and file a FAFSA form, which is available online or at your high school. We recommend completing the FAFSA as soon as possible.

### SECTION VI - APPLICANT'S PERSONAL ESSAY

Write an informal letter, preferably in your own handwriting and in black ink, so that we can become better acquainted. Please tell us about yourself, why you want to go to college and what your goals are at this time. If there is anything further that you think we should know, please tell us. Please limit this essay to no more than two pages. This essay **MUST** be included with this application.

### SECTION VII - REQUIRED DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

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### SECTION VIII - AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby waive my rights of privacy regarding disclosure to the Henry & Sara Sheehan Foundation of the above information and I authorize and give consent to the Foundation to verify the contents of this application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

How did you hear about this scholarship?:

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit completed application and all attachments in one envelope to:

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Please direct any questions in writing to the above address. Incomplete applications will not be considered.  
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