AUSTRALIAN GOLF FOUNDATION JUNIOR GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Australian Golf Foundation, in association with Golf Australia is delighted to present the Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship program in 2022. Because of the foresight and generosity of Bonnie Boezeman AO, a director of The Australian Golf Foundation, the program has seen tremendous success during 2021 with a roll-out to 37 clubs/facilities across Australia, and most importantly, 226 scholarship holders.

2022 will see significant further growth for the program. We are thrilled to announce **NEXTGEN Group** as the principal partner of the AGF Scholarship Program in 2022, with significant further support provided by Golf Australia, Golf Victoria, Victorian Golf Foundation, Golf Queensland, Golf South Australia, Golf Tasmania, Golf Western Australia, Western Australian Golf Foundation, Golf Northern Territory, Jack Newton Junior Golf, Golf Management Australia, WPGA Tour of Australasia and PGA of Australia, as well as additional generous private benefactors. In 2022, we are aiming to have 400 scholarship holders spread across the country.

We are delighted the industry has aligned to support this initiative and recognise the success of what has occurred in 2021.

AIM OF THE PROGRAM

Adhering to Golf Australia's strategic plan for women and girls through Vision 2025, this program is designed to foster a deep love of golf by creating a strong bond between girls (aged 10-16) and their golf club/facility. Encouraging and supporting junior program participants to continue their golfing journey beyond their initial introductory steps and to obtain a handicap, this program will in turn help to reduce drop-out rates of teenage girls in golf.

While the program's primary aim is to retain girls, girls new to golf may also be engaged in this program should they demonstrate a commitment to learning the sport. However, it is a strong preference that girls have some previous experience within the sport.

Under the tutelage of a club PGA professional and/or community instructor, along with the support of your membership, scholarship holders will have the opportunity to:

- Advance their skills through ongoing coaching
- Obtain a handicap
- Play in club competitions
- Form lifelong golfing friendships with other girls and members.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The Australian Golf Foundation will provide each of the participating clubs/facilities funding ($2,000 + GST) for a minimum of five girls to cover the cost of:

- A one-year junior club membership that carries playing rights, to ensure girls can participate in club competitions and obtain a handicap
- 24 sessions with a club professional and/or community instructor
- A shirt and hat with AGF Scholarship identification. Clubs/facilities may wish to add their logo to these items at their own cost.

Coaching and membership costs above the $2,000 donation are expected to be borne by the club/facility.

Centres will also have the option of raising additional funds to increase the subsidisation of membership fees, amount of coaching and/or number of girls involved.

TIMELINES

The 2022 Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship program will start at the beginning of Term 1, 2022.

Item	Date
Application from centres open	15 September, 2021
Application from centres close	25 October, 2021
Successful centres notified	Early November, 2021
Participant interviews to take place (by the centre)	November, 2021
Participants informed of success	Late November, 2021
Participant details to be supplied to GA	Early December, 2021
Shirts/caps posted to centres	Mid-January, 2022
Induction ceremonies take place	Start of February, 2022
Program starts by	Mid-February, 2022

CENTRE TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The acceptance of $2,000 from the Australian Golf Foundation can only be used for the payment of 24 hours of group tuition (scholarship girls only) on a weekly or fortnightly basis with a registered PGA professional and/or qualified Community Instructor for a minimum of 1 hour per lesson.
- The scholarship funds must be used in the 2022 calendar year unless there is a clear acceptable reason to delay the program. This delay must be approved Golf Australia with reasonable notification.
- If the total cost of the program at a club/facility exceeds the contribution by the Australian Golf Foundation, then it is the sole responsibility of the club/facility to supplement the short fall.
- It is suggested that the centre will encourage scholarship holders to continue to stay on with their club/centre after the Scholarship year is completed.
- Scholarship centres must report to Golf Australia (format to be forwarded) at both the commencement and end of the funding period.
- The suggested ages for the program are girls from 10 to 16 years old. There are exceptions allowed for girls from 7 to 10 if they have already displayed exceptional capabilities for their age.

HOW TO APPLY

Click here to apply.

FAQ

Visit the Vision 2025 website for FAQ sheet.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The AGF Scholarship Steering Committee is seeking an equitable representation of clubs from all States/Territory and regional/metropolitan. Selection will also be based on a club's capacity to recruit at least five girls and deliver a sucessful program.

CASE STUDY

This program was born at Killara Golf Club and the case study provides a great overview of the successes that the program can bring to a club that implements and fully supports the program from the top down. You can find this on the Scholarship section of www.australiangolffoundation.org.au/vision-2025.

ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN GOLF FOUNDATION (AGF)

The Australian Golf Foundation is the national foundation for golf in Australia. The foundation supports Golf Australia's vision to grow golf by investing in targeted initiatives to inspire all Australians to enjoy and play golf.
The purpose: to provide support for programs, activities and events, that encourage participation and promote golf as 'a game for life'. Visit australiangolffoundation.org.au for further information