CHICK EVANS SCHOLARSHIP FOR CADDIES

2020 Application Information

Applications are available online at wgaesf.org beginning August 1, and are accepted at the beginning of the applicant’s senior year of high school. Applications will also be accepted from 2020 high school graduates. Applications, including supporting documents, are expected to be complete by October 30, review will then begin and all decisions will be finalized before April 1.

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The Chick Evans Scholarship for caddies was started by legendary amateur golfer Charles “Chick” Evans Jr. He learned the game as a caddie, won the 1910 Western Open and gained worldwide fame in 1916, when he became the first to win the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open in the same year. Evans insisted on preserving his amateur status, and any money he received from golf was put toward caddie scholarships. The first two Evans Scholars enrolled at Northwestern University in 1930. Since then, more than 11,050 men and women have graduated from college as Evans Scholars, and 1,010 are currently in school. The Western Golf Association, founded in 1899, has supported the Evans Scholarship since its inception. The Chick Evans Scholarship for caddies is a grant that covers full tuition and housing in an Evans Scholarship House and may be renewed for up to four years.

ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply for a Chick Evans Scholarship for caddies, candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Strong caddie record: Applicants must have caddied, regularly and successfully, for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddie at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the Scholarship. Due to COVID-19, we expect caddie loops in 2020 will be negatively impacted for this year’s applicants.
2. Excellent academics: Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses. Due to COVID-19 the ACT and SAT will be optional for 2020 applicants.
3. Demonstrated financial need: Applicants must clearly have a need for financial assistance.
4. Outstanding character: Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

Applicants are evaluated and compete on the above criteria for the limited number of Chick Evans Scholarships awarded annually.

EVANS SCHOLARS UNIVERSITIES

Chick Evans Scholars for caddies are awarded to one of the 19 universities listed below, depending on the state in which the candidate resides and/or caddies. Living in an Evans Scholars House on campus is an integral component of the Evans Scholars Program. Applicants are expected to apply to the Evans Scholars university(ies) listed for their state (Illinois residents should apply to the University of Illinois and three additional Evans Scholars universities). Applicants apply directly to the university(ies) for admission and are expected to do so by October 30.

Applicants apply to the Evans Scholars university(ies) below listed for their state.

Colorado...............................University of Colorado, Boulder
Illinois.................................University of Chicago, Chicago*
                     University of Illinois, Champaign
                     Northwestern University, Evanston
                     Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
                     University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN*
                     (and other ES Universities as approved by Scholarship Committee)
Indiana...............................Indiana University, Bloomington
                     Purdue University, West Lafayette
Kansas.................................University of Kansas, Lawrence
Michigan.............................University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
                     Michigan State University, East Lansing
Minnesota............................University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Missouri...............................University of Missouri, Columbia
Ohio.................................Ohio State University, Columbus
                     Miami University, Oxford
Oregon.................................University of Oregon, Eugene
Pennsylvania......................Penn State University, University Park
Washington.........................University of Washington, Seattle
Wisconsin............................University of Wisconsin, Madison
Other States/Areas................University of Chicago, IL*
                     University of Colorado, Boulder
                     University of Kansas, Lawrence
                     Miami University, OH
                     University of Missouri, Columbia
                     Northwestern University, IL
                     University of Notre Dame, IN*
                     Ohio State University, Columbus
                     University of Oregon, Eugene
                     University of Washington, Seattle
                     (and other ES Universities as approved by Scholarship Committee)

*At a university without a Scholarship House, Scholars live together in a designated university residence hall.
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Go to www.wgaesf.org and click on the “Scholarships” tab. Click on “Apply Now.”

1. Fill out the online portion of the application.

   • Part 1
     • Create an account (Name, Email, Club and High School)

   • Part 2
     • Applicant Photo

   • Part 3
     • Personal Information
     • Family Information
     • Academic & Extracurricular Information
     • Applicant Essay - Prepare, in your own words, a typed essay (two pages, double-spaced) that will enable the Scholarship Committee to become better acquainted with you. Your essay should include personal background, future goals, what you expect from a college education and your qualifications for a Chick Evans Scholarship for caddies. Please include personal experiences and specific examples in your essay.
     • ACT/SAT Scores - Due to COVID-19 the ACT and SAT will be optional for 2020 applicants. The Evans Scholars Foundation ACT code is 1026. The Evans Scholars Foundation SAT code is 0153.
     • Family Financial Information - Have a parent or guardian write a statement summarizing your family’s financial condition. Include any extraordinary expenses or factors that should be taken into account in determining the family’s financial need (i.e. employment conditions, medical expenses and/or support of other dependents). Submit copies of front pages of parent(s) 2018 and 2019 Federal tax returns (include Form 1040, do not include schedules and W-2 forms) along with parent(s’) most recent pay stub(s).

   • Part 4
     • Application Status & Required Document Checklist (Log into your application regularly and visit this section to check the status of your application/required documents.)

2. Supporting Documents

   • CSS Financial Profile - The completed 2021-22 CSS Profile must be submitted online to CSS (cssprofile.collegeboard.org) along with the required fee as soon as possible, after it becomes available on October 1. This years family income should be estimated. The 2020 and 2021 family income should be estimated. The Evans Scholars Foundation CSS code is 0153. Use Housing Code 2 (off-campus).
   • FAFSA Financial Student Aid Report - Send to the Scholarship Committee a copy of the 2021-22 FAFSA Federal Student Aid Report with the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number from the completed FAFSA as soon as it becomes available. The 2021-22 FAFSA becomes available on October 1 at fafsa.ed.gov.
   • High School Evaluation, with letter of recommendation, transcript and ACT and/or SAT
   • Caddie Evaluation, with letter of recommendation

3. Apply directly to the Evans Scholarship university(ies) for admission by October 30

Evans Scholarship applications will receive full consideration when the directions above are followed accurately and completely. Once submitted, all application information and supporting materials will become the exclusive property of the Evans Scholars Foundation and cannot be returned.

Any questions can be directed to applications@wgaesf.org.