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December 6, 2022

Dear Counselor,

The Iowa PGA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Iowa PGA Section of America offers an annual scholarship opportunity in memory of one of our members – Charlie Burkart. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students in furthering their education. It is open to any graduating high school senior or previous graduate residing within the Iowa PGA Section or the state of Iowa. The Iowa PGA Section includes an area of Western Illinois from a point north of Quincy, east to near Springfield and directly north. It includes the major cities of Monmouth, Macomb, Galesburg, Moline, Rock Island, Kewanee and Galena. It does not include the cities of Freeport, Springfield or Quincy.

At least one high school graduate will be the 2023 recipient of \$1500 per year for four years at a college or university of their choice. Other previously graduated applicants will be reviewed with additional scholarships awarded when possible. Please see attached the Charlie Burkart Scholarship Application for full details.

You will find the Charlie Burkart story on the reverse side of the application. Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of their interest and activity in golf, the potential for future contributions to the game, leadership skills/community involvement, then on their academic/professional ability and financial need. Please note that applicants must email/mail completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to June 18, 2023.

Send to: Iowa PGA Section  
3184 Hwy 22  
Riverside, IA 52327

The Iowa PGA Foundation is also having great success in implementing the Swings with Kids program, which introduces the game of golf inside physical education classes. Students learn about golf and also benefit from the numerous life skills that the game of golf offers. The vision for the Iowa PGA Foundation Swings with Kids program is *helping kids excel by introducing them to the life skills that the game of golf provides. Feel free to share with anyone within your district that might be interested.*

For any questions, please contact the Section office at 319-648-0026.

Sincerely,

Iowa PGA Foundation

# Iowa PGA Foundation Swings with Kids Program



*Helping kids excel by introducing them to the life skills that the game of golf provides*



The Iowa PGA Foundation is currently in the process of implementing golf instruction within school districts which reside within the state of Iowa and/or Iowa PGA Section boundaries. The Golf In Schools program will introduce the game of golf with the direction of Iowa PGA Professionals inside physical education classes for elementary and middle schools.

Students will learn about golf and will also benefit from the life skills the game of golf offers. These life skills include character, honesty, integrity, respect, perseverance, and cooperation.

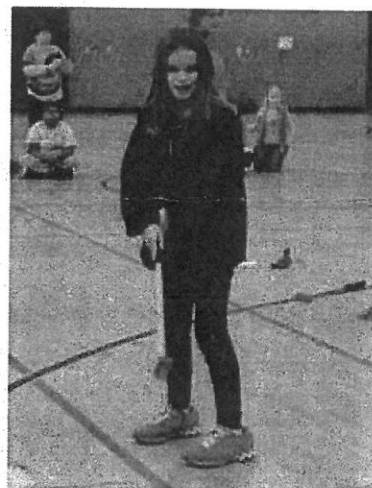
**Our goal is simply for children to "try golf".**

## How Does the Golf in Schools Program Work?

Our goal is to have PGA Professionals partner with school districts to raise funds for the equipment. The equipment is specially designed for safe, indoor use and comes with complete curriculum and activities, allowing PE teachers to easily implement the program in their classes.

Exposing more children to golf in a fun environment will hopefully encourage their continued play throughout life. We have tools to make the fundraising process as easy as possible with the support of PGA Professionals in your community.

This is a great way to strengthen golf in your school district!



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**Interested in starting GIS in your district?**

**Contact Greg** - [gmason@pgahq.com](mailto:gmason@pgahq.com)

(319) 648-0026

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## THE CHARLIE BURKART STORY

This below story is included in the Elmcrest Country Club Yearbook as a significant part of its history, as a fond remembrance for those who knew Charlie Burkart and to pass along the story of a much loved man to those who came along later.

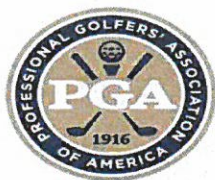
Charles Burkart was born on April 8, 1907. Involved in golf at an early age, he became the pro at a course in Iowa City. In early 1930, Charlie borrowed the money to buy the first driving range in Marion. A gentleman by the name of Nick Carter built a daily fee golf course in the community of Kenmore in 1934 and hired Charlie as Head Professional. In July of 1947, several prominent businessmen leased the golf course from Mr. Carter, thus forming Elmcrest Golf & Country Club. By this time the community of Kenmore was known as the Northeast side of Cedar Rapids.

Charlie was there from the very beginning and for 42 years of service to the community and the membership of Elmcrest, retiring in 1975. He married Ethel McDonald on October 31, 1935. The Burkart's had three children, Ted, Al and Lynn. Ethel died in 1981 and Charlie died of cancer at age 74 on December 12, 1983 at Mercy Hospital.

Charlie was an excellent player, known for his flawless swing and record-breaking rounds of golf. One of his greatest contributions to the game was his love of children and his efforts to involve them by organizing youth clinics and programs. Back in the good old days, Charlie spent many of his hours working patiently with Junior golfers, diligently teaching them the code of ethic in golf and the skills to play the game. His belief in sharing and passing down the traditional grand old game served to make him one of the greatest promoters of golf in this area.

Charlie was a life member of the Professional Golfers Association of America and Past President of the Iowa Section of the PGA. He truly believed and exemplified the Code of Ethics of the PGA, which states that the name "Professional Golfer" must be a synonym with pledge of honor, service and fair dealing, professional integrity, fidelity to the game, responsibility to employers and employees and others. Charlie lived by these rules.

Today, the memory of Charles Burkart lives on. The Charlie Burkart Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the Iowa Section PGA, was formed in 1984 by his daughter, the late Lynn Hendryx and former Elmcrest professional Larry Hartzell. The Scholarship awards a \$1000 four year college scholarship each year to an Iowa PGA Section high school senior. The criteria for recipients include interest and potential for future contributions to the game of golf.



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**IOWA PGA SECTION FOUNDATION**  
**CHARLIE BURKART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been accepted at a college or university. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

College institution planning on attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ High School Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a PGA Associate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ PGA Education Level / Enrolled In \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Iowa PGA Section annually awards a college scholarship in memory of Iowa Golf Hall of Famer, Charlie Burkart, PGA member for 49 years and head professional at the Elmcrest Country Club in Cedar Rapids for 42 years. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist students in furthering their education. At least one high school graduate will be the 2023 recipient of \$1500 per year for four years. Other previously graduated applicants will be reviewed with additional scholarships awarded when possible, for one year \$1,000 scholarship.

Any graduating high school senior residing within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Section and the State of Iowa is eligible to apply. The Iowa PGA Section is bounded on the west by U.S. Highway 71 and includes an area of western Illinois from a point north of Quincy, east to near Springfield and directly north. It includes the major cities of Monmouth, Macomb, Galesburg, Moline, Rock Island, Kewanee and Galena. It does not include the cities of Freeport, Springfield or Quincy.

Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of their interest and activity in golf, the potential for future contributions to the game, leadership skills/community involvement, then on their academic/professional ability and financial need.

Applicants must email/mail completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to June 18, 2023.

**Send to:** Iowa PGA Section, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327  
Call 319-648-0026 with any questions.

**Burkart applicants are required to submit the following when applying for the \$1,500 per year for four years scholarship.**

1. High school transcript of work completed and description of any post-secondary academic achievement.
2. Two recommendations – may be from a high school administrator or teacher, a PGA professional or other non-family connections.
3. Applicant must include a self-statement concerning his/her interest in golf, other activities and awards, his/her educational and vocational plans/career goals and financial need.
4. Applicant is requested to send a list of other scholarship they have applied for and those that they have received.