



## **Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation**

Changing the Lives of  
Deserving Caddies

Youth Caddying  
at Charleston Municipal Golf Course



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Caddying is far more than a summer job, it is an important tradition of the game of golf. The core values that underscore a caddie's presence on the golf course are the same ones that can help them to be successful later in life. Aside from the chance to learn the game of golf, caddying offers many other life-changing opportunities.

## Caddie Benefits

### Enjoy Flexible Hours and Great Money

Caddying provides flexibility so that you can earn a part-time income while continuing to be involved in school, sports and other summer activities.

### Exposure to Positive Role Models

Many of the people you will caddie for are successful professionals and community leaders. By spending time with them you will have the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of career paths and personalities.

### Work Outside, Exercise and Have Fun

Aside from allowing you to work outdoors, caddying provides an excellent opportunity to improve your overall health and fitness. You will also be able to make friends with the other youth caddies.

### Gain Valuable Life Skills

Learn the importance of teamwork, communication and perseverance while developing valuable leadership and people skills that you will carry with you all of your life.

### Opportunity to be awarded a Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship

Currently, 1,100 caddies are enrolled at 22 leading universities on an Evans Scholarship. The scholarship covers full tuition and housing costs for up to four years of college and is an estimated value of \$125,000.



# The Evans Scholarship Today



The Evans Scholars Foundation (ESF) awards full tuition and housing scholarships to high-achieving caddies with limited financial means. Established in 1930 by the Western Golf Association (WGA) and celebrated amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., the Foundation oversees the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies.

Evans Scholars are enrolled at 22 leading universities nationwide including 17 where the Foundation operates a Scholarship House. A record 1,100 Evans Scholars are enrolled for the 2022-23 academic year.

With more families struggling to pay for college and a record number of caddies applying for the Evans Scholarship, Foundation leaders are expanding the Program nationwide. Annual program costs this year are \$27 million.

## EVANS SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

To qualify, caddies must be nominated by their club and meet four requirements:

- **Strong caddie record:** Applicants must have caddied, successfully and regularly, for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddie at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the Scholarship. Our average 2023 recipients completed three to four years of service as a caddie with 165 rounds.
- **Excellent academics:** Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses. Our most recent recipients averaged a 3.7 unweighted GPA.
- **Demonstrated financial need:** Applicants must clearly have a need for financial assistance.
- **Outstanding character:** Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

# The Evans Scholarship Today



The Evans Scholars Foundation has positioned itself as the nation's foremost authority on caddying. It has taken on the responsibility of growing the game of golf, while establishing and developing caddie programs nationwide.

More than 11,815 men and women have graduated as Evans Scholars.

- **We serve students from humble backgrounds:** Our Scholarship recipients come from homes where the average household income is \$70,000.
- **We leverage the Western Golf Association's prestigious tournaments:** Net proceeds from the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank, Western Junior, Western Amateur and BMW Championship support the Foundation – and these events provide unique opportunities to market our program.
- **Our Scholars perform at a high level:** They maintain a cumulative 3.3 GPA and graduate at a rate of 95.6%.
- **We are truly national:** For 2022, we awarded Evans Scholarships to caddies from 25 states and Canada.



*Map of Evans Scholarship Schools*

# The Evans Scholarship Today



We send Evans Scholars to 22 leading universities nationwide. Our students live and work together in community, earning a reputation for scholastic achievement and excellence in community service.

## Evans Scholars Universities Rankings

U.S. News & World Report - 2023

UChicago #6	Indiana #72
Northwestern #10	Michigan State #77
Notre Dame #18	Penn State #77
Michigan #25	Iowa #83
Wisconsin #38	Marquette #83
Illinois #41	Colorado #97
Ohio State #49	Illinois Chicago #97
Purdue #51	Miami (OH) #105
Maryland #55	Oregon #105
Rutgers #55	Kansas #121
Washington #55	Missouri #121
Minnesota #62	



University of Iowa and Howard University have been recently approved as a partner university. Scholars will begin attending in fall 2023

# 2022 New Scholar Class



**315**

Evans Scholarships  
awarded for 2022-23



**170**

Average number of loops for  
New Scholars



**3.7**

Average ES GPA  
of New Scholars



**14**

Three-year Evans  
Scholarships awarded



**\$75,000**

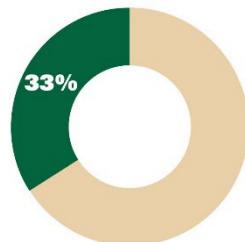
Average household income of  
New Scholars



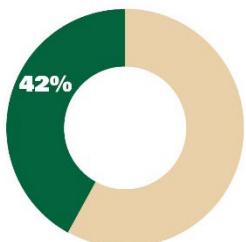
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New Scholars come from  
25 states and Canada

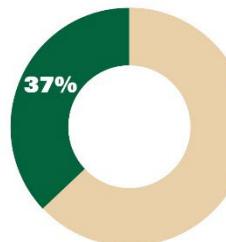
## People of Color



## First-Generation Students



## Women

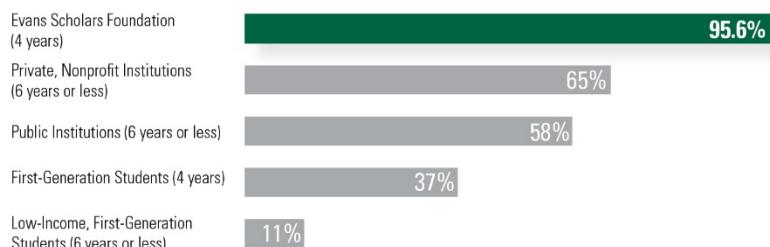


# Program Outcomes



- We believe that the high performance of our Evans Scholars is driven by two unique factors: the life lessons acquired on the course as caddies and the strong support system that is afforded through community living.
- Evans Scholars graduate at a rate of 95.6%, significantly higher than national averages for the student populations our Program serves. After graduation, Evans Scholars are well-prepared to start building successful careers.

## Comparison of Graduation Rates<sup>1</sup>



## BY THE NUMBERS

**3.3**

Cumulative GPA of the 1,100 Evans Scholars in school

**40%**

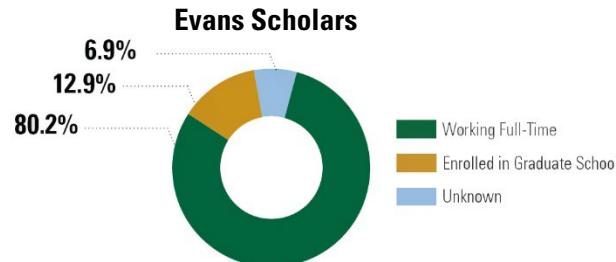
Percentage of Scholars who are first-generation college students

**\$70,000**

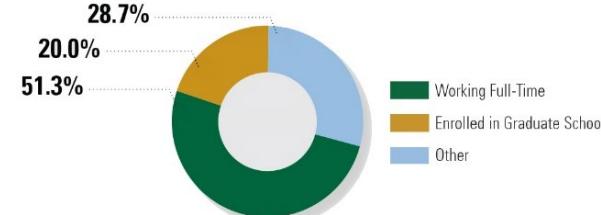
Scholars come from homes with an average family income of \$70,000

## Status Six Months after Graduation<sup>2</sup>

More than **93%** of Class of 2021 Evans Scholars were employed full-time or attending graduate school within six months of graduation.



## National Averages



<sup>1</sup>Graduation rates are based on reports from the National Center for Education Statistics

<sup>2</sup>National averages are based on data for individuals with undergraduate degrees from The Outcomes Survey for Spring 2018

# Program Efficiency & Funding



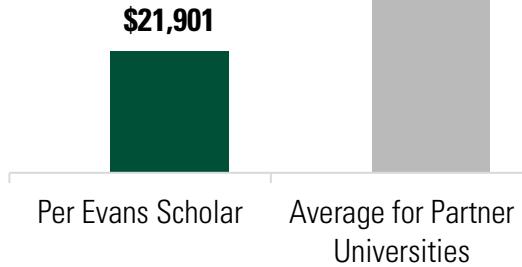
In addition to the academic success of the 1,100 young men and women enrolled in 22 leading universities nationwide, the Evans Scholars Foundation prides itself on maintaining an efficient operation.

Our net assets have grown by over \$50 million since 2010, indicating unprecedented financial strength as we prepare to bring the Evans Scholars Program to new universities, establish additional Scholarship Houses and send more caddies to college.

We work diligently to negotiate favorable rates with our partner universities, so the average tuition and housing cost per Evans Scholar is well below the approximate average cost of published full-price tuition and housing at our 22 partner universities..

## Tuition & Housing Costs Academic Year 2020-21

\$32,409



# WGA Championships



Without the Western Golf Association, the game of golf wouldn't be the same. Our organization was established in 1899 to promote golf in the western region of the United States. Today, our championships rank among the oldest and most prestigious in the world.

## 2023 Tournament Schedule

Western Junior	Midlothian Country Club (III.)	June 19-22
Women's Western Junior	Greenbriar Hills Country Club (Mo.)	June 26-30
Women's Western Amateur	White Eagle Golf Club (III.)	July 18-22
NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank	The Glen Club (III.)	July 25-30
Western Amateur	North Shore Country Club (III.)	August 1-6
BMW Championship	Olympia Fields Country Club (III.)	August 15-20



As the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs, the **BMW Championship** features the best field in golf competing on world-class venues. It's the oldest event on the PGA TOUR and the signature fundraising benefit for the Evans Scholars Foundation. In the more than 100 years since its inception, the championship's J.K. Wadley trophy has been engraved with the names of golf's greatest legends. This includes Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

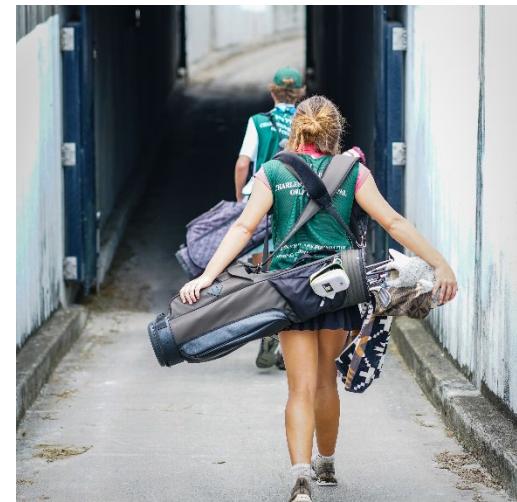
# Charleston Municipal Golf Course Youth Caddie Program



The Charleston Municipal Golf Course began a pilot youth caddie program in the summer of 2022 with young men and women from the area caddying on the weekend. Twelve students took part in the initial program.

For golfers at the Muni, walking with a youth caddie instead of using a cart is a unique experience that can't be found at other courses in the area.

"The opportunity for kids in this town is life-changing," said WGA Director Troy Miller, who led the renovation of the course in 2020 and helped implement the youth caddie program.



# Charleston Municipal Golf Course Youth Caddie Program



Golfers can support Charleston Muni's youth caddie program by booking a caddie.

A base caddie fee of \$40 and lunch will be provided by the Western Golf Association. The WGA asks golfers to tip for good service. (Recommended tip for a good job for 18 holes is \$20)

Through the Evans Scholars Foundation, the Charleston Muni youth caddies could have a chance to qualify for a full tuition and housing scholarship to one of the partner universities.

Improve your game, and help grow and support the Charleston golf community by taking a caddie today!