



ENDOWED  
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SCHOLARSHIPS

## **THE MGA CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The MGA Caddie Scholarship Fund (MGACSF), formerly called the Westchester Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Fund, Inc. (WGACSF), is a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational, nonprofit organization, that provides financial need-based scholarships to caddies and others who work in service to golf at local participating golf and country clubs throughout the following counties: Fairfield (CT), Bronx, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester (NY) Counties.

It was founded in 1956 by renowned amateur golfer Willie Turnesa and his good friend Udo Reinach. Today, the Fund awards an average of 250 scholars a year, representing an annual one-year tuition commitment of \$1 million. The MGA Caddie Scholarship Fund is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country.

Turnesa and Reinach had six applicants in the first class of 1956. They could only afford to award three scholarships. Upon hearing this story, Sally Francis, a golfer from The Apawamis Club in Rye, NY, phoned her friend Willie to ask how much was needed to fund the remaining scholarships. Sally's check arrived the next morning. Her generosity inspired the Fund's mission never to turn away a qualified candidate with financial need. Since then, no qualified applicant with financial need has been turned down by the Fund. This record has been made possible by the generosity of the member clubs and by the contributions from alumni, individuals, corporations, foundations and memorial funds.

## **ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Endowed Scholarship Program was created to provide the CSF with an ongoing, permanent source of funding for future scholarship recipients. Proceeds from the program augment the long-established annual fundraising efforts of the CSF, including the Bag Tag program, the Pro-Am tournament and the Golf Marathon. The establishment of endowed scholarships provides permanent funding that enables the CSF to expand its support to financially needy scholarship applicants.

Endowed scholarships give donors a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and wishes of a loved one, or to say thank you to an individual, family or organization that has supported the CSF's efforts and believes in the work that the CSF undertakes.

## **GETTING STARTED**

The ideal prospect is an individual, family or organization that has a love for and appreciation of the game of golf, and would like to provide a permanent memorial by creating a scholarship in their name.

The donor and the CSF will enter into an Endowed Scholarship Program agreement, which stipulates the details of the scholarship and the obligations of both parties. Funding methods will be agreed upon and the fund will be established as soon as funds are received by the CSF.

To establish a new endowed scholarship, an initial minimum commitment of \$50,000 is required. This amount can be contributed all at once, or over a period as long as five years. Original and subsequent contributions have been made by holding annual tournaments, memorial contributions, testamentary directives or targeted solicitations.

With the donor's permission, the CSF will announce the establishment of the endowed fund to the local and golf media. Annually, the recipients of the scholarship will be announced to the press. Each year, the fund will be listed in the annual report of the CSF, showing the current recipient(s).

## **FAQ'S**

### **How will the investment principal of the scholarship funds be invested?**

The CSF Investment Committee oversees the investment of the funds. The conservative principles guiding the investments are set forth in the CSF investment policy and guidelines, which is available upon request. Investment results are reviewed quarterly and are audited and reported annually. Donors will receive an annual summary of their fund's activity, including investment results, awards made, and current balances.

### **How large is the scholarship award in any given year?**

Generally, 5% of the three year trailing average of the FMV (Fair Market Value) principal amount of the endowment is made available for the award(s). The award made from the endowment fund is supplemental to the award the CSF will make to the recipient from its general funds.

### **What connection will donors have with the scholarship fund?**

Each year, donors will receive information from the CSF regarding the candidates for that year's award. Donors will be welcomed to sit in on scholarship interviews and after the awardee is determined, they will be encouraged to congratulate the recipients. From time to time, donors and scholarship recipients might be brought together at a social event sponsored by the CSF.

### **How will a donor's philanthropic goals be achieved?**

The program allows donors to "personalize" a scholarship by determining those issues which are most important to them, and to direct funds to be used in a targeted fashion. For example, donors might require that the recipient(s) of their scholarship fund be affiliated with a specific member club, or reside in a specific geographical area, attend a certain college/university, or pursue a designated line of study. 100% of the funds contributed will be invested and 100% of the income from those funds will be paid out in scholarships.

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### Clara and Daniel Assumma Memorial Scholarship

John Assumma, longtime General Manager of Waccabuc Country Club, established this scholarship in tribute to his parents. An annual family reunion tournament funded the scholarship. This award is available to any outstanding scholar, with preference given to a student attending Columbia University and/or studying higher education.



### John J. Balco Scholarship Fund

The late John Balco was one of the first caddies looping at Old Oaks Country Club to receive a CSF scholarship, in 1957. Although several applicants that year were qualified to receive scholarships from the newly established scholarship fund, there were insufficient funds available to make awards to all of them. John was to receive recognition, but no financial award, until Sally Francis, a member at The Apawamis Club and a friend of Willie Turnesa, provided the balance of funds necessary to make certain that all of the qualified caddies received financial assistance. On a visit in 2013 to his sister, who lives in White Plains, NY, he visited with CSF staff and decided to establish an endowed scholarship, funded by a donation and additional funds through his estate.



### Joe Barreiro Scholarship Fund

Joe Barreiro, the longtime caddie master at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, retired in March 2018. Barreiro completed his first loop in 1965 at the Scarborough Club. When Barreiro retired, he was inducted into the national Caddie Hall of Fame. In recognition of fifty-plus years of service, the membership of Sleepy Hollow made contributions in his honor to establish the Joe Barreiro Scholarship Fund. It couldn't be a more fitting tribute. During Joe's tenure, over 100 young men received CSF scholarships and Joe received the Caddie Master of the Year award not once, but twice. Awardees are caddies from Sleepy Hollow Country Club.



### Robert J. Bluestone Memorial Scholarship Fund

Over many years, Rob, a long-time member and former club president of Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford, CT, and Portmarnock in Ireland, had given tirelessly back to the game of golf through his volunteer work with the MGA and the MGACSF. He served on the Fund's Board of Directors for 15 years and served as president from 2011 to 2012. In 2017 he was the recipient of the Udo Reinach Award for his outstanding demonstrable service and support of the Fund in the form of time, impact, and contributions. Through all of his volunteer work for the good of the game, Rob promoted, advanced and supported the traditions and values that golf has historically stood for. Each of the organizations he served were better because of his involvement.

The Robert J. Bluestone Scholarship Fund was established shortly after his passing in 2021, thanks to many generous donors. The Fund, in Rob's name, helps to provide college scholarships for young men and women at Rockrimmon Country Club.



### Paul R. Dillon Scholarship

Paul Dillon had an important influence on golf in the New York Metropolitan area for many years, serving as the president of the Metropolitan Golf Association, the Westchester Golf Association and the MGA Caddie Scholarship Fund, as well as coaching the Fordham University golf team. In his later years, Paul became an accomplished painter, creating portraits of some of golf's greats, as well as several important contributors to the local golf scene. He was inducted into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame and cited by the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association, who named their Distinguished Service Award in his honor. Paul's friends and admirers joined his family in establishing this lasting scholarship to memorialize his efforts and lifelong commitment to golf. Awardees will be from Winged Foot Golf Club, where Paul was a long-time member.

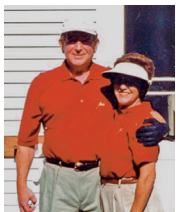


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### Edward J. Doyle Scholarship

The late Ed Doyle graduated from Manhattan College in 1965 with a mechanical engineering degree. Ed was a long time board member of the CSF and chaired the CSF Alumni Committee, hosting several caddie alumni outings at his club, Oronoque Country Club. The CSF honored Ed by awarding him the first Sally Francis Award in 2006, presented to an outstanding alumnus. The Edward J. Doyle Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 to pay tribute to his loyalty and dedicated service to the Fund. Awards can be made to any CSF scholar, preferably one who is studying engineering.



### Mike and Patti Fishbach Memorial Scholarship

Mike Fishbach was a longtime member of Rockrimmon Country Club and an ardent supporter of the Fund. He passed away suddenly in November 2014. A respected attorney, avid golfer and family man, his wife Patti, and children Debra O’Keefe and Barry Fishbach, decided that a college scholarship for a deserving caddie in need would be something that Mike would appreciate. The endowed fund was established in 2016, through contributions made in memory of Mike from family and friends. Patti Gittelman Fishbach took up golf as a way of spending time with Mike, but she was quickly hooked. They both loved to travel and sought out destinations where they enjoyed playing golf together. Patti was very proud of the memorial caddie scholarship and was an active participant in selecting recipients. In 2022, Patti was especially thrilled that the scholarship was awarded to a female caddie for the first time. With Patti’s passing in November 2022, her family renamed the scholarship to the Mike and Patti Fishbach Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the couple. Awards are made to outstanding Rockrimmon Country Club caddies.



### Joe Germano Scholarship Fund

During the American Seniors Golf Association farewell dinner at the 2019 ASGA Summer Championship, Executive Director Kevin Patterson announced that the MGACSF would be the 2019 recipient of the Association’s Charitable Trust contribution. The contribution was the foundation of

what would be an endowed scholarship in Joe Germano’s name, in recognition of his many, many years of service to the game of golf, especially during his 22 year membership of the ASGA. Over the following days several members of the ASGA, Joe’s friends and fellow veterans all sent individual donations to his scholarship fund, quickly reaching and exceeding the endowment minimum.

Joe Germano has been a member of Bonnie Briar Country Club since the 1960’s. He plays more rounds of golf a year than he is old. When not in Larchmont, Joe can be found playing around the Westchester and Metropolitan area—even internationally—with his six other golf associations. Joe is a member of the Westchester Seniors Golf Association, the World Senior Golf Federation, the Eastern Seniors Golf Association, the International Seniors Amateur Golf Society, the U.S.G.F. of Rotarians, and Los Coyotes Invitational. The “Joe Germano Endowed Scholarship” will be awarded to eligible students from any CSF participating club who are enrolled in a ROTC program.



### Thomas M. Goff Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thomas “Tommy” M. Goff, CSF Class of 2007, passed away suddenly on March 30, 2019. A friend to many on and off the golf course, this scholarship fund was established by Tommy’s friends and family to honor his legacy. Tommy began caddieing at Knollwood Country Club in 1999 at the age of 14. It was his life-long dream to become a Yonkers police officer. In 2015, Tommy fulfilled his dream and was a police officer for the City of Yonkers for three and a half years until he passed away.

Tommy was a member of the Police Emerald Society, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, and a parishioner of the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart. He was an active MGACSF Alumnus, having participated in many Alumni Reunion Outings and contributed annually.

On September 24, 2019, the first Tommy Goff Memorial Golf Outing was held at three venues—including Knollwood Country Club—to accommodate more than 280 golfers. This was the largest event the MGACSF has ever been a part of, and the overwhelming support from friends, family, and the local community quickly exceeded the fundraising goal.

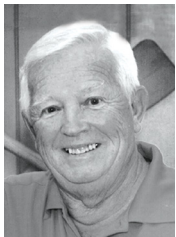
The award was first given to Sean Kelly, who caddied for Tommy at Knollwood Country Club, and Blake Kennedy, who aspires to be a police officer as well.

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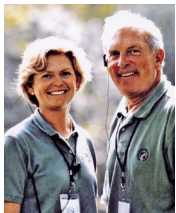
### **Leonard M. Marx, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Leonard Marx, a graduate of Yale, was a commercial real estate developer in the New York Metropolitan Area. He and his wife, Virginia, were active philanthropists, in support of many charitable organizations and civic groups. Their daughter, Jennifer Gruenberg oversees the V & L Marx Foundation, which has been a consistent contributor to the CSF, first through several named scholarships and, now, through this endowed scholarship. Awardees are those in service to golf at Sunningdale Country Club, where the Gruenbergs are members.



### **Bobby O. Ormond Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Bobby Ormond was the Caddie Manager at Knollwood Country Club for 38 years. He was a beloved mentor, father figure and friend. During Bobby's tenure, 90 of his caddies received CSF scholarships. (He was awarded the CSF Caddie Manager of the Year in 1996.) In August of 2012, family and friends organized a golf outing in honor of Bobby O. Proceeds from the outing funded this scholarship and caddies from Knollwood are eligible for this award.



### **Paton Family Scholarship Fund**

This fund was established in 2008, the first of the CSF's endowed programs. Lee and Nancy Paton have been active officials at WGA, WMGA, USGA and LPGA competitions for many years. Nancy has served as president of the WMGA, has served on the USGA Women's Mid-Am Committee and was Chairperson of the 2005 USGA Senior Women's Amateur. Lee served terms as president of both the Westchester Golf Association and the CSF and was presented with the Udo Reinach Award of Distinction in 2014. Awards from this fund are primarily for those in service to golf at The Apawamis Club.



### **William S. Perper Memorial Scholarship Fund**

William Perper was a long time member of Westchester Country Club and a consistent supporter of the CSF. The fund was established in 2012, through a bequest from Mr. Perper's estate. Awards are made to caddies from Westchester Country Club.



### **Tom Nieporte, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**

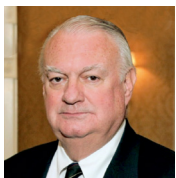
Tom Nieporte was the longtime head golf professional at Winged Foot Golf Club. Tom succeeded Claude Harmon, the legendary player and instructor, and held the position until his retirement in 2006. His dedication and compassion to helping others was evident throughout his role at Winged Foot. He had a special commitment to the Caddie Scholarship Fund. During his tenure, more than 100 caddies and others who worked in service to golf at Winged Foot received scholarships to attend college. Tom passed away on December 21, 2014 and to honor Tom's love of golf and caddieing, the Nieporte family established the Tom Nieporte, Sr. Memorial Scholarship in 2015, to be awarded to outstanding Winged Foot Golf Club candidates.



### **George J. Russ Memorial Scholarship Fund**

George J. Russ, CSF Class of 1969, passed away in 2015 and left a significant gift to the Fund through his estate. In fact, it was the largest alumni contribution in the history of the program. George was a caddie at the Hudson River Club in Yonkers, NY and received a scholarship to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. With the help of his family and friends, the George J. Russ Memorial Scholarship was established to pay tribute to George and to pay it forward in a way that would have pleased him. In keeping with George's long and successful career in engineering, the scholarship is intended for caddies pursuing studies in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields.

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### Bob J. Thomas Scholarship Fund

Bob J. Thomas established this endowed scholarship at the end of 2018, which is the largest endowed scholarship established by a living individual. Bob currently serves as a Special Consultant to the Fund, having retired from the position of Executive Director of the Westchester Golf Association after 27 years. Bob also served as the Executive Director of the CSF from 1991-2016. He is a current and longtime CSF Director from Knollwood Country Club, where he has been a member since 1969. Having spent time on the course with the Caddie Scholarship Fund co-founder Willie Turnesa, Bob has passed down many stories of the Westchester golf legend. Through his tenure as an employee and volunteer, Bob perpetuates the vision of Willie to help area youth through this endowed scholarship. Awards can be made to any CSF scholar, with special consideration given to candidates from Knollwood Country Club.



### John Pinto Scholarship

John J. Pinto was a longtime CSF Director and member of Wykagyl Country Club, where he also served as Club President. He dedicated more than ten years of service to the CSF as Chairman of the Investment Committee and treasurer before assuming the role of president, a position he held from 2002-2006. He was the 2002 recipient of the Udo Reinach Award given in recognition of his outstanding support of the fund in the form of time, talent, and treasure. The John Pinto Scholarship Fund was established shortly after his passing in 2020. John's passion for the game and caddies will live on through the endowed scholarship in his name. Awards can be made to any CSF scholar, with special consideration given to candidates from Wykagyl Country Club.



### Wayne Lyski Memorial Scholarship

Wayne Lyski passed in the fall of 2020. Beloved husband, dad, grandpa, brother, and friend, Lyski had a passion for golf and education. Lyski called the Tuxedo Club his home course and on September 27, 2021 the first Wayne Lyski Memorial Golf Outing was held. The Wayne Lyski Memorial Fund was established in 2022 thanks to generous donations from participants in the golf outing and the Lyski family. The scholarship will be awarded for the first time for the 2023-24 academic year. Awards can be made to any CSF scholar with demonstrable need, with preference given to those from Tuxedo.



### The Howard Family Scholarship

Edwin B. Howard Jr. grew up in Scarsdale, NY, and spent every summer in North Carolina, before going on to attend Duke University. His love of golf started as a child as a member at Scarsdale Golf Club where he would play with his father. He was previously a scratch golfer competing in high-level amateur events and continues to play regularly and shoot his age.

Actively involved at Scarsdale Golf Club for decades, he has run the Wilson Cup among other golf events. Known for his generosity and good-natured humor, Ed has served proudly as a MGACSF Director since 2011. For more than a decade Ed has participated, advocated, and served the game of golf through his dedication to the Fund and has impacted the lives of the countless scholars that he worked so diligently to support. In addition to Ed's service to the Fund, he has been actively involved in the Westchester Seniors Golf Association since 2003.

Ed worked on Wall Street for more than 50 years and has been involved in various boards and charitable endeavors. He and his wife Alice are proud parents to three-grown children and three grandchildren.

Ed Howard established the Howard Family Scholarship Fund in 2022, with the intent to award the first scholarship recipient for the 2024-2025 academic year. Awards can be made to any CSF scholar with demonstrable need, with special consideration given to caddies and those in service to golf from Scarsdale Golf Club.

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## NAMED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Named Scholarships are similar to endowed scholarships in that they offer a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one or honor someone with a love of golf and education. Like endowed funds, they are subject to donor-imposed restrictions.

Named scholarship funds differ in that they are not permanent funds, but rather, temporarily restricted assets. Temporarily restricted funds are intended to be totally expended for a specific purpose over a period of time. From memorial contributions to birthday celebrations and other events, there are many ways to establish a named scholarship.



## MGACSF NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS



### Carpiniello/Santa-Donato Family Scholarship

The Carpiniello/Santa-Donato Family scholarship was started by Frank Santa-Donato, CSF Class of 1970, and Dan Carpiniello as a tribute to their fathers, Frank Santa-Donato, Sr. and Antonio “Butch” Carpiniello. Frank Sr. and Butch were lifelong friends who caddied at Westchester County clubs in their youth, and shared a passionate love for golf throughout their lives. They passed their love for the game on and the Carpiniello and Santa-Donato families have an annual golf tournament reunion. During one of these tournaments many years ago, the idea for a caddie scholarship honoring both families was born. Awards are made to applicants who have the highest need and/or have shown an ability to overcome obstacles in life.



### Christopher C. Hickey Scholarship Fund

Chris Hickey grew up caddieing at Woodway Country Club with his twin brother Greg. Chris passed suddenly in November 2014. A beloved husband, father and brother, Chris is missed dearly. Given his love of golf, their many memories of caddieing together, and

understanding the difference a caddie scholarship can make, Greg and his family decided a caddie scholarship would be a wonderful tribute to Chris. In 2016, the inaugural Christopher C. Hickey Invitational was held at the Country Club of Darien, and friends and family gather annually to continue his legacy. The proceeds are used to fund the Christopher C. Hickey Scholarship which is awarded to caddies with exceptional need in Westchester and Fairfield counties.



### Gladstein Family Scholarship

Joshua Gladstein, a current member of the CSF Board of Directors representing Sunningdale Country Club, established the Gladstein Family Scholarship Fund in 2016.

The award is intended for caddie scholars from any eligible member clubs and ideally are children of teachers, law enforcement officers, firefighters, military personnel, and other first responders.



### Donald S. Dworken Scholarship

Dr. Donald Dworken is a longtime CSF Director representing Century Country Club. With a career in orthopedic surgery, Dr. Dworken had a particular interest in helping caddies pursuing biology and pre-medical studies. He started the Donald S. Dworken Scholarship in 2016.



### Westchester Seniors Golf Association Scholarship

The Westchester Seniors Golf Association was founded in 1927 “by a group of golfers looking to promote the game through friendly competition” at clubs in the Westchester and

Southern Connecticut area. The WSGA funds this scholarship for an eligible and deserving caddie scholar from the Westchester area. This scholarship was originally named for Mr. Rudy Machacek, the WSGA’s long-time Tournament Chairman.



### Mary R. Odom Scholarship Fund

Mary Odom was the daughter of Udo Reinach, the co-founder of the Caddie Scholarship Fund. Odom passed away in 2020 but left an incredible legacy. Mary grew up with Willie Turnesa, the co-founder of the CSF. The Mary R. Odom Scholarship Fund was established in

2021 and is intended to provide scholarship awards to MGACSF recipients who have caddied or worked in service to golf at any club in the counties of Westchester or Fairfield. Special consideration will be given to female caddies who are top applicants.





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