

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 Burkhardt'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.



IOWA SECTION
Foundation

IOWA PGA FOUNDATION
CHARLIE BURKART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Applicant Cell Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____ Applicant Email: _____

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

College institution planning on attending: _____

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: _____

The Iowa PGA Foundation 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. At least one high school graduate will be the 2027 recipient of \$1500 per year for four years.

Any graduating high school senior residing within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Foundation and the State of Iowa is eligible to apply. The Iowa PGA Foundation 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 15, 2027**.

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

Burkart applicants are required to submit the following when applying:

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.

Applicant is requested to send a list of other scholarship they have applied for and those that they have received.

WOMEN'S FAIRWAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Pathway to a PGA Career



Name: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Date of high school graduation: _____

I am currently a PGA Associate: Yes _____ No _____ PGA Education Level / Enrolled In _____

Beginning enrollment date in the PGA Professional Golf Management Program _____

Do you/will you be attending the PGA PGM education in Frisco, Tx _____ or PGM University (state which program) _____

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: _____

The Iowa PGA Section Foundation annually awards one Women's Fairway Scholarship to assist females in furthering their education and training toward a career in golf, pursuing membership with the PGA of America. Qualified, interested females are welcome to apply. The Women's Fairway Scholarship is funded by Master PGA Professional Lisa Miller, the first female PGA member in the Iowa PGA Section and by her spouse Sharon Hawn a lifelong educator, public health professional and avid golfer.

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Section and the State of Iowa 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 based on their experience and activity in golf, their future golf career goal to attain PGA membership, leadership skills and financial need.

Applicants must email or mail the completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to September 10, 2027.

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

or Call 319-648-0026 with any questions.

Email to: tgoudy@pgahq.com

Female PGA Associates, high school graduates and applicants seeking an alternative career are required to submit this form with responses to the following questions to be considered for the one year \$1,000 Women's Fairway Scholarship:

1. Applicant must include a self-statement concerning her background in golf and financial need for the scholarship award.
2. Applicant must include a description of her future short and long-term career goals.
3. The Scholarship Committee requests applicants submit one recommendation – from an employer, a PGA professional or other non-family connection to address the applicant's potential related to leadership skills and dedication to her selected career.

Max Shields, PGA – Iowa Section Scholarship



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent Name if high school senior: _____ Parent Cell Phone if high school senior: _____

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

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

College institution planning on attending or current college, university, technical institution: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____ Supervisor Name and Email (if applicable) _____

I am a PGA Associate: Yes _____ No _____ PGA Education Level / Enrolled In _____

Beginning enrollment date in the PGA Professional Golf Management Program (if applicable) _____

Anticipated graduation from PGA PGM Program, College, University or Technical Institution _____

Does your employer subsidize your education expenses? Yes _____ No _____ What Percentage? _____

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: _____

The Iowa PGA Section Foundation annually awards a scholarship to support individuals in furthering their education and career in the golf industry, which includes but is not limited to the PGA Profession, Agronomy, Club Management, Hospitality and Membership. At least one scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000.

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Section and the State of Iowa 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 based on their experiences, activity and future career goals in the golf industry, leadership skills and financial need. Applicants must either be a high school graduate, post-graduate or even someone looking into golf as a second career attending classes to assist in their career goals.

Applicants must email or mail the completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to September 10, 2027.

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or Call 319-648-0026 with any questions.

Email to: tgoudy@pgahq.com

Applicants are required to submit this form and responses to the following questions to be considered for the one year \$2,000 Max Shields Scholarship:

1. Applicant must include a self-statement concerning his/her activities and experiences, background in golf, future career goals and financial need for the scholarship award.
2. The Scholarship Committee requests applicants submit one recommendation – from an employer, a PGA Professional or other non-family connection to address the applicant's achievements and dedication to their selected career.

Morris Family Scholarship



Name: _____

Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent cell phone: _____

Did you play high school golf? _____ What is the name of your high school? _____

Do you have plans to play college golf? _____ What college do you plan to attend? _____

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: _____

The Iowa PGA Section Foundation annually awards at least one \$2000 Morris Family Scholarship to assist in furthering a high school graduate interested in or planning on playing college golf to assist in furthering their education. The Morris Family Scholarship is funded by friends and family.

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Section and the State of Iowa 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 based on their experience and activity in golf, their desire to play college golf, leadership skills, high school activities and interest and financial need.

Applicants must email or mail the completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to June 15, 2027

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

Email to: tgoudy@pgahq.com

Applicants are to respond to the following questions and submit with other information to be considered for the Morris Family Scholarship:

1. The applicant must include a self-statement concerning his/her background in golf, future desire to play college golf, leadership skills, other activities and interests and financial need.
2. High school transcript of work completed and description of any other academic achievement.
3. The applicants must submit one recommendation – from an employer, a PGA professional, high school teacher or any other non-family connection.
4. The applicant is requested to send a list of other scholarships they have applied for and those they have received and other details on financial need.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____ Supervisor Name and Email _____

I am a PGA Associate: Yes _____ No _____ PGA Education Level / Enrolled In _____

Beginning enrollment date in the PGA Professional Golf Management Program (if applicable) _____

Current College, University or Technical Institution attending (if applicable) _____

Anticipated graduation from PGA PGM Program, College, University or Technical Institution _____

Does your employer subsidize your education expenses? Yes _____ No _____ What Percentage? _____

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: _____

The Iowa PGA Section Foundation annually awards a career advancement scholarship to assist individuals in furthering their education toward career development. At least one Career Advancement Scholarship will be awarded in 2027, applicants who are interested in pursuing a career in the golf industry or other career requiring educational training are welcome to apply.

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Section and the State of Iowa 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 based on their experience and activity in golf, their future career goals, leadership skills and financial need. Applicants must email or mail completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to September 10, 2027.

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

or Call 319-648-0026 with any questions.

Email to: tgoudy@pgahq.com

PGA Associates and previously high school graduated applicants are required to submit this form and responses to the following questions to be considered for the one year \$1,000 Career Advancement Scholarship:

1. Applicant must include a self-statement concerning his/her background in golf and financial need for the scholarship award.
2. Applicant must include his/her future career goals.
3. The Scholarship Committee requests applicants submit one recommendation – from an employer, a PGA Professional or other non-family connection to address the applicant's leadership skills and dedication to their selected career.