Canadian Junior Championships Financial Assistance Grants



Golf Canada recognizes the financial resources required to play in national championships. Accordingly, Golf Canada has created needs-based financial assistance grants to help reduce the cost of competing in the Canadian Junior Girls Championship and Canadian Junior Boys Championship. Both of these national championships are presented by BDO.

Golf Canada will begin this financial assistance program by providing \$500 grants to thirteen (13) participants in each of these championships in 2022.

Eligibility

- Players must be registered to compete in either the Canadian Junior Boys Championship, presented by BDO or Canadian Junior Girls Championship, presented by BDO.
- Team Canada Junior Squad players qualify for a separate financial assistance program and are not eligible for Canadian Junior Championships financial assistance grants.
- Players who receive funding from their provincial association to attend the national championship either as a provincial team member or as a top finisher in their provincial championship are not eligible for Canadian Junior Championships financial assistance grants.
- Those within daily commuting distance to their Canadian Junior Championship are not eligible for Canadian Junior Championships financial assistance grants.
- Baseline eligibility is determined based on Gross Family Income from the last completed tax year (see table below). If Gross Annual Family Income exceeds the listed amount for your family size, you do not qualify for this assistance.
 - Gross Annual Family Income is the sum of the income of your parents or guardians (collectively, "parents"), as shown on line 15000 from each of their last completed Canadian federal tax returns.
 - If your parents are separated or divorced and not remarried, or if your parent is single, only one parent's financial information is used to calculate Gross Annual Family Income. Use the financial information of the parent who is your primary financial supporter. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions section of this document for more guidance on how to report the appropriate parental income.
 - If your parent is remarried or common law, the income of their spouse or common law partner is also included.
- Golf Canada will review all applications and allocate grants in order based strictly on financial need. Meeting the eligibility standards does not necessarily guarantee funding will be awarded.

Application Process

Submit the application by the deadlines listed below to Golf Canada's Director of Amateur Championships and Rules, Mary Beth McKenna (mmckenna@golfcanada.ca).

- 1. Completed Application form.
- 2. Accompanying tax return information: This information will be required to confirm eligibility, if selected.

Any personal financial information provided in the application will be kept strictly confidential. All confidential personal information will be maintained in accordance with Golf Canada's Privacy Policy.

Submission dates:



- Opens on May 16, 2022
- Closes:
 - Canadian Junior Girls Championship, presented by BDO applications: July 1, 2022
 - Canadian Junior Boys Championship, presented by BDO applications: July 29, 2022
- Financial Assistance Grant applicants notified:
 - o Canadian Junior Girls Championship, presented by BDO recipients: July 8, 2022
 - Canadian Junior Boys Championship, presented by BDO recipients: August 5, 2022

Funding Determination

Grants will be assigned in order based strictly on financial need.

All applicants will be notified of whether their application is successful.

Allocation of Funds

\$13,000 total – 26 grants (13 junior boys & 13 junior girls) of \$500 are available. Grants will be determined based on those with the most need for funding support.

To receive the funds, players, or their parent(s) (if the player is under 18) must sign an attestation stating the funds will be utilized only for golf-related expenses related to participation in their Canadian Junior Championship, presented by BDO. Under the Rules of Amateur Status, golf-related expenses are defined as entry fees, accommodations, travel, meals, and caddie fees (Rule 3c).

Funds will be transferred no later than thirty (30) days upon the completion of the respective championship.

Gross Family Income Table

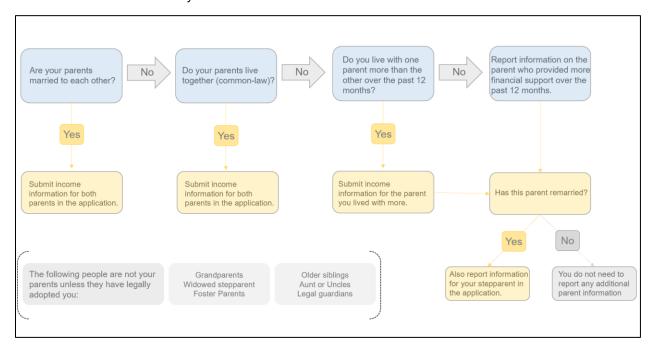
| Family size (number of people) | Maximum 2020 Gross Annual Family Income to qualify for financial aid eligibility (i.e., sum of parental pre-tax income from line 15000 on federal tax returns) |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 | \$83,615 |
| 2 | \$109,004 |
| 3 | \$126,278 |
| 4 | \$137,021 |
| 5 | \$146,929 |
| 6 | \$156,326 |
| 7 or more | \$164,457 |



Frequently Asked Questions

My parents are divorced or not married to each other. What financial information should I submit to determine Gross Annual Family Income?

Please see the following flow chart to help determine what financial information should be included to calculate Gross Annual Family Income.



Do we have to send Golf Canada our income tax returns?

No. You should declare your Gross Annual Family Income for the purposes of this application on the Income Declaration Form. We will contact you to verify your documentation via video call.

How do I count "family size"?

Family size is the total number of people in your household, including your parents and any of their dependents. For example, a family consisting of two parents and two children is a family size of four. Similarly, a family consisting of one parent and one child is a family size of two.

How are the Gross Annual Family Income maximums for financial aid eligibility determined?

The Gross Annual Family Income maximums for financial aid eligibility are based on the thresholds for the <u>Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students</u>, with an additional \$20,000 added to each level to account for competitive golf expenses.

If I'm eligible for a financial assistance grant, am I guaranteed to receive a grant?

Not necessarily. Golf Canada will provide grants to thirteen (13) eligible applicants with the most demonstrated financial need for each of the Canadian Junior Boys Championship, presented by BDO and Canadian Junior Girls Championship, presented by BDO.



Why is Golf Canada doing a need-based system for financial aid instead of a merit-based system?

In addition to financial assistance grants, Golf Canada is implementing purses at the Canadian Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Women's Amateur, and Men's Amateur Championships where players will have the opportunity to earn money based on performance.

In addition, the highest performing players will have the most significant opportunity to monetize their name, image, and likeness through commercial activities that are permissible under the Rules of Amateur Status effective on January 1, 2022.

Our need-based system of financial aid is intended to complement these other sources of merit-based financial support.

Why are Team Canada players and Provincial Team players not eligible to apply?

Team Canada has a separate financial assistance program where those players may apply. Provincial Team players and those who are top finishers at their provincial championship and receive funding from their provincial association to attend the National Championship are not eligible as they already receive financial assistance through these means.