



## **NextGen 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 NextGen Championships. These available funds would not be possible without the support and generous donation of the **Gary Cowan Heritage Fund** and the **Canadian Seniors Golf Association**.

Golf Canada may provide up to \$1,000 per successful applicant that compete in these championships in 2024.

### **Eligibility**

- Players must be registered to compete in their respective NextGen Championship.
- Team Canada Junior Squad players qualify for a separate financial assistance program and are not eligible for NextGen Championships financial assistance grants.
- Players who receive funding from their provincial association to attend the NextGen Championship - either as a provincial team member or as a top finisher in their provincial championship - are not eligible for NextGen Championships financial assistance grants.
- Those within daily commuting distance to their respective NextGen Championship are not eligible for 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.
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
  - o 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 Coordinator of Sport & Golf Services, Robert Wolanski ([rwolanski@golfcanada.ca](mailto:rwolanski@golfcanada.ca)).

1. Completed Application form ([click here](#)) through Microsoft Forms.
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 March 15, 2024
- Closes:
  - o NextGen Pacific Championship: April 5, 2024
  - o NextGen Ontario Championship: April 12, 2024
  - o NextGen Western Championship: April 27, 2024
  - o NextGen Prairie Championship: May 10, 2024
  - o NextGen Quebec Championship: June 6, 2024
  - o NextGen Atlantic Championship: June 19, 2024
- Financial Assistance Grant applicants notified:
  - o NextGen Pacific Championship: April 20, 2024
  - o NextGen Ontario Championship: April 27, 2024
  - o NextGen Western Championship: May 12, 2024
  - o NextGen Prairie Championship: May 26, 2024
  - o NextGen Quebec Championship: June 21, 2024
  - o NextGen Atlantic Championship: July 4, 2024

**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**

Grants will be determined based on those with the most need for funding support. Golf Canada may provide up to \$1,000 per successful applicant that compete in this championship in 2024.

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 NextGen Championship. 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.



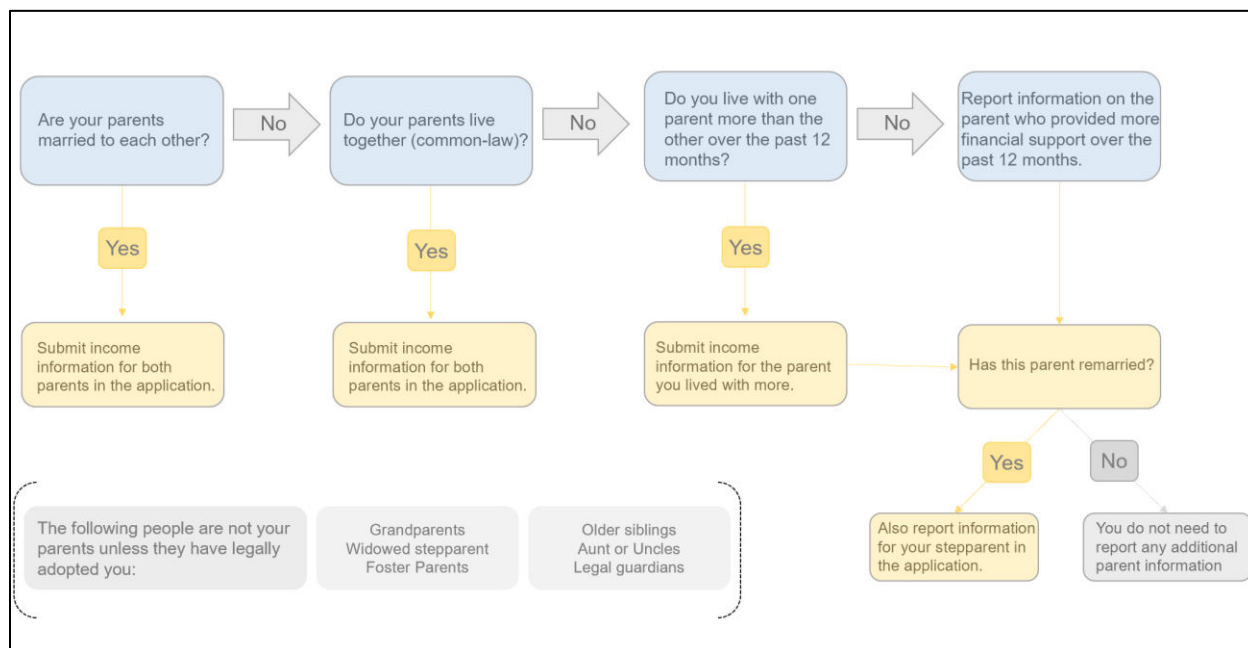
## Gross Family Income Table

Family size (number of people)	Maximum 2024 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	\$86,942
2	\$113,709
3	\$132,041
4	\$143,676
5	\$154,369
6	\$164,476
7 or more	\$173,261

## 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, but Golf Canada may ask to verify the gross family income at any time during the process.

### **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 [Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students](#), 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 thirty (30) eligible applicants with the most demonstrated financial need for each of the NextGen Championships.

### **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.