



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM – OVERVIEW

2026 Golf Canada Amateur Championships

Golf Canada recognizes the financial resources required to play in golf championships across Canada. Accordingly, Golf Canada has created a needs-based financial assistance grant program to help reduce the cost of competing in the specified Golf Canada championships.

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

ELIGIBILITY

1. Players must be registered to compete in the respective championship.
2. Team Canada / NextGen members qualify for a separate financial assistance program and are not eligible.
3. Players who receive funding from their provincial association to attend the championship (either as a provincial team member or as a top finisher in their provincial championship) are not eligible.
4. Those who reside within daily commuting distance (>50 km) to the championship are not eligible.
5. 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 financial assistance.
 - a. 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.
 - b. If parents are separated or divorced and not re-married, or if a 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.
 - c. If a parent is re-married or common law, the income of their spouse or common law partner is also included.
6. 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 before the deadlines listed below to Connor Doyle (Coordinator, Amateur Championships and Rules) at cdoyle@golfcanada.ca.

1. Completed Application Form through Microsoft Forms – [click here](#).
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](#).



ELIGIBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION DATE	MAXIMUM GRANT ALLOTMENT
NextGen Pacific <i>Morningstar Golf Club</i> <i>Parksville, BC</i> <i>April 30th – May 3rd, 2026</i>	Friday, April 10 th	Friday, April 17 th	British Columbia Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$7,500 total
NextGen Ontario <i>Tangle Creek Golf & Country Club</i> <i>Thornton, ON</i> <i>May 6th – 9th, 2026</i>	Friday, April 17 th	Friday, April 24 th	Ontario Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$7,500 total
NextGen Western <i>Wolf Creek Golf Resort</i> <i>Ponoka, AB</i> <i>May 29th – June 1st, 2026</i>	Friday, April 24 th	Friday, May 1 st	Alberta Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$7,500 total
NextGen Prairie <i>Neepawa Golf & Country Club</i> <i>Neepawa, MB</i> <i>June 18th – 21st, 2026</i>	Friday, May 1 st	Friday, May 8 th	Manitoba Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$7,500 total
NextGen Quebec <i>Club de golf Lachute</i> <i>Lachute, QC</i> <i>June 29th – July 2nd, 2026</i>	Friday, May 8 th	Friday, May 15 th	Quebec Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$7,500 total
NextGen Atlantic <i>Hampton Golf Club</i> <i>Hampton, NB</i> <i>July 13th – 16th, 2026</i>	Friday, May 22 nd	Friday, May 29 th	New Brunswick Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$7,500 total
Canadian All Abilities <i>Hylands Golf Club</i> <i>Ottawa, ON</i> <i>August 4th – 7th, 2026</i>	Friday, July 10 th	Friday, July 17 th	Ontario Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$10,000 total
Canadian Junior Boys <i>Wascana Country Club</i> <i>Regina, SK</i> <i>August 10th – 14th, 2026</i>	Friday, July 17 th	Friday, July 24 th	Saskatchewan Residents: up to \$1,500 each Out-of-Province: up to \$3,000 each Maximum Available Grants: \$15,000 total
Canadian Junior Girls <i>TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley</i> <i>Caledon, ON</i> <i>August 10th – 14th, 2026</i>	Friday, July 17 th	Friday, July 24 th	Ontario Residents: up to \$1,500 each Out-of-Province: up to \$3,000 each Maximum Available Grants: \$15,000 total
Canadian U15 <i>Loyalist Country Club</i> <i>Bath, ON</i> <i>August 24th – 27th, 2026</i>	Friday, July 24 th	Friday, July 31 st	Ontario Residents: up to \$750 each Out-of-Province: up to \$1,500 each Maximum Available Grants: \$5,000 total

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Grants will be allocated based strictly on if the individual qualifies for financial need. The monetary amount of each individual grant will vary, depending on the number of eligible players who apply, both in and out-of-province. All eligible players who apply will receive the same amount of funding per event, based on the province/region the player resides in.

All applicants will be notified if their application is successful on the notification date listed above. Golf Canada reserves the right to extend the application deadline for various championships as well as re-allocate un-used funds to other championships.

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 the championship.



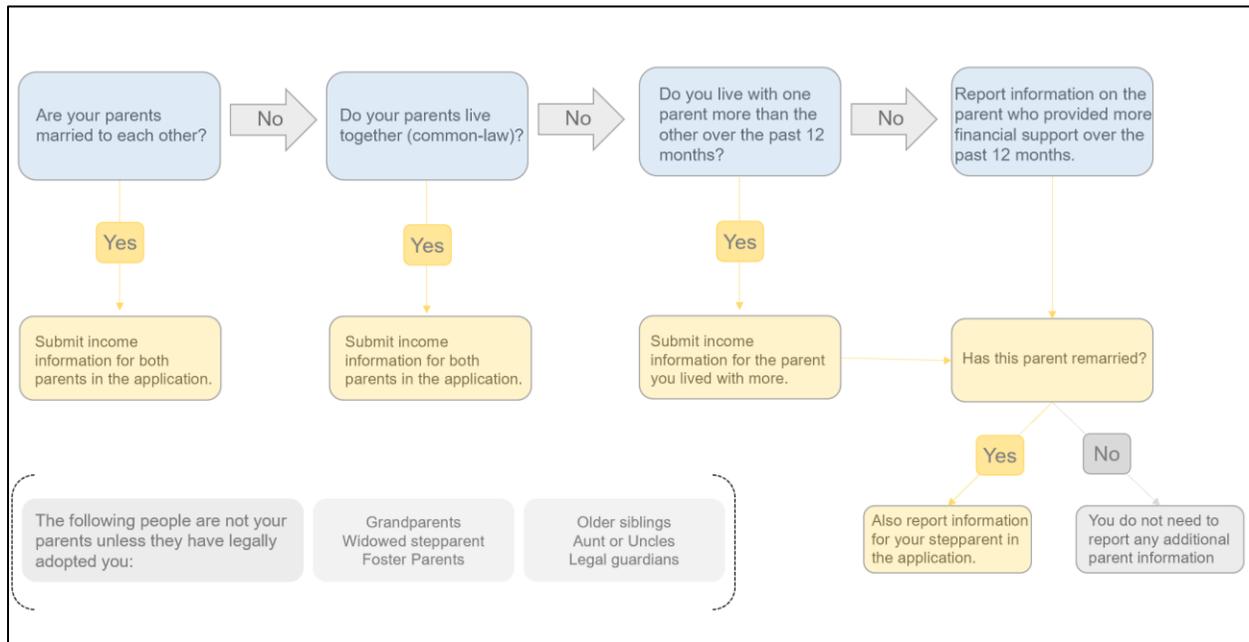
Under the Rules of Amateur Status, golf-related expenses are defined as entry fees, accommodation, travel, meals, and caddie fees (Rule 3c). Funds will be transferred no later than thirty (30) days upon the completion of the respective championship.

GROSS FAMILY INCOME TABLE

Family size (number of people)	2026 Applicable Maximum of 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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. If I’m eligible for a financial assistance grant, am I guaranteed to receive a grant?**
Not necessarily. Golf Canada will provide grants eligible applicants with the most demonstrated financial need.
- 5. 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.



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

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.

7. 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.