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\$52,700 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO KELLY GIBSON JUNIOR GOLF TOUR MEMBERS

This year, the Kelly Gibson Foundation and its community partners have surpassed the \$950,000 mark in scholarship funds awarded through the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour. In 17 years, the total scholarships awarded through the Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship Program has reached \$952,500 to 415 recipients through the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour, bringing the total scholarships awarded by the Kelly Gibson Foundation to \$1,263,500 to 532 recipients.

COVINGTON, LA, August 6th, 2026 – The Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners awarded \$52,700 in college scholarships to 23 members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour that participated in the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Mentorship Program held June - July 2026. Scholarships were given to deserving participants tonight at the 2026 Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour Annual Awards Banquet. In addition to scholarships, awards were presented to winners of the KGJGT Player of the Year in each Age Division, as well as two Charlie Knox Sportsmanship Awards, and the Dr. John and Helen Moore Distinguish Service Award. The event was held at Tchefuncta Country Club and had approximately 150 attendees. Each year, these scholarships are awarded based on community service, sportsmanship, academic achievements, and financial need.

Four (4) scholarships totaling \$15,000 were given on behalf of the Fore!Kids Foundation.

Ashley Biehl - \$5,000 the FKF Board Chairman Scholarship
Gavin Davis - \$5,000 FKF Buddy Seeling "Making a Difference" Scholarship
Lexie Crappel - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Tournament Chairman Scholarship
Maddie Rudolph - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Title Sponsor Scholarship

Three (3) scholarships totaling \$7,500 were given on behalf of the BC Cup Foundation in memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick.

Bryce Kettner - \$2,500 BC Cup Lindsey Ladouceur Scholarship
Beau Drury - \$2,500 BC Cup Anthony & Terri Estes Scholarship
Buddy Fonseca - \$2,500 BC Cup Gary & Gerry McCool Scholarship

Five (5) scholarships totaling \$12,500 were given on behalf of the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

James Fuhrer - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Katie Estridge - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Samantha Schultz - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Abigail Wilson - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Alex Sedky - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship

Five (5) scholarships totaling \$8,000 were given on behalf of the New Orleans Golf Association.

Vivian Volion - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship
Kaylie Hui - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship
Camden Blancher - \$2,000 Clarence Steeg Scholarship
Bayleigh Waldrep - \$1,000 Gerald Causin Scholarship
Lily Hutchinson - \$1,000 William Smith Scholarship

Other scholarships included were The Mackel Scholarship, The P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarships, The Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship, and Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships were the following:

Morgan Guepet - \$2,500 The Mackel Scholarship

Sophia Penton - \$1,500 P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarship

Drew Corderman - \$1,500 P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarship

Nicasia Chase - \$2,000 Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship

Tate Fournier - \$1,100 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship

Caine Moore - \$1,100 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship

Other awards presented at the 2026 Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour Annual Awards Banquet included the KGJGT Player of the Year Award for each Age Division, two Charlie Knox Sportsmanship Awards, and the Dr. John & Helen Moore Distinguished Service Award. Recipients of these awards were the following:

Maxyn Mmopi – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 7-10 Division)

William Clayton – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 11-13 Division)

Elijah Dufrene – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 14-15 Division)

Jace Lefort – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 16-17 Division)

Buddy Fonseca – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 18-22 Division)

Abigail Cheramie – KGJGT Player of the Year (Girls 7-13 Division)

Ashely Biehl – KGJGT Player of the Year (Girls 14-17 Division)

Samantha Schultz – KGJGT Player of the Year (Girls 18-22 Division)

Savannah Moore – Charlie Knox Sportsmanship Award

Deacon Belgard – Charlie Knox Sportsmanship Award

Jeff Hundley & The Allstate Sugar Bowl Committee – Dr. John & Helen Moore Distinguished Service Award

About the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour:

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour was founded in 2010 by PGA Tour Professional Kelly Gibson. The Kelly Gibson Foundation operates the junior golf tour with the mission of creating a positive learning experience through golf by providing competitive golf tournaments throughout the year. The KGJGT is open to both male and female golfers ages 7-22, with members competing in junior golf tournaments throughout New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region. Regardless of the players' golfing ability, scholarships are awarded based on community service, sportsmanship, academic achievement, and financial need. All active members of the KGJGT and mentors of the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Mentorship Program, who are at least juniors in high school or older are eligible to receive scholarships.

About The Kelly Gibson Foundation:

The Kelly Gibson Foundation was founded as Feed the Relief, Inc. by Kelly and Elizabeth Gibson in September of 2005 with the idea of providing necessary support for the front line first responders to Hurricane Katrina. In the days and weeks following the disaster of Katrina, Feed the Relief provided support to the Coast Guard, EMS personnel, police and fire departments, community centers, hospitals, and residents as they returned to their homes. In 2010, Feed the Relief, a 501(c)3 corporation, changed its name to The Kelly Gibson Foundation, and expanded its scope to enrich the lives of children through athletics. *For more information, please visit www.kellygibsonfoundation.org.*