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### **\$60,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO KELLY GIBSON JUNIOR GOLF TOUR MEMBERS**

*This year, the Kelly Gibson Foundation and its community partners have surpassed the \$900,000 mark in scholarship funds awarded through the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour. In 16 years, the total scholarships awarded through the Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship Program has reached \$899,800 to 392 recipients through the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour, bringing the total scholarships awarded by the Kelly Gibson Foundation to \$1,150,800 to 489 recipients.*

COVINGTON, La., July 31, 2025 – The Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners awarded \$60,000 in college scholarships to 29 members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour that participated in the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Mentorship Program held May-July 2025. Scholarships were given to deserving participants tonight at the 2025 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.

#### **Five (5) scholarships totaling \$17,500 were given on behalf of the Fore!Kids Foundation.**

James Fuhrer - \$5,000 the FKF Board Chairman Scholarship  
Kathryn Estridge - \$5,000 FKF Buddy Seeling "Making a Difference" Scholarship  
Maddie Rudolph - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Tournament Chairman Scholarship  
Malayna Michelle - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Title Sponsor Scholarship  
Justin Ladmirault - \$2,500 The Mackel Scholarship

#### **Six (6) scholarships totaling \$13,000 were given on behalf of the BC Cup Foundation in memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick.**

Matthew Biehl - \$2,500 BC Cup Lindsey Ladouceur Scholarship  
Kailey Batte - \$2,500 BC Cup Anthony & Terri Estes Scholarship  
Aurey Whitney - \$2,500 BC Cup Gary & Gerry McCool Scholarship  
Christopher Fonseca - \$2,500 BC Cup General Thomas Sands Scholarship  
Samantha Schultz - \$1,500 Jack O'Neill Memorial Charity Scholarship  
Lily Hutchinson - \$1,500 Jack O'Neill Memorial Charity Scholarship  
sponsored by the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel

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

Gavin Davis - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship  
Benjamin Chiasson - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship  
Jacques Holloway - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship  
Graham Jacobson - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship  
Caine Moore - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship

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

Karstyn Altese - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship  
Drew Corderman - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship  
Abigail Wilson - \$2,000 Clarence Steeg Scholarship  
Beth Baugh - \$1,000 Gerald Causin Scholarship  
Nicasia Chase - \$1,000 William Smith Scholarship

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

*Ethan Marx - \$1,500 P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarship*  
*Lexie Crappel - \$1,500 P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarship*  
*Peyton Flynn - \$1,000 Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship*  
*Claire Chauvin - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship*  
*Evelynn Artieta - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship*  
*Bayleigh Waldrep- \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship*  
*Kaleb Vu - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship*  
*Ashlyn Crimmins - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship*

Other awards presented at the 2025 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:

*Charlie Magee – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 7-10 Division)*  
*Elijah Dufrene – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 11-13 Division)*  
*Brooks Blanchard – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 14-15 Division)*  
*Parker Greene – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 16-17 Division)*  
*Ethan Marx – KGJGT Player of the Year (Boys 18-22 Division)*  
*Emma Magee – 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)*  
*Colette Lamere – Charlie Knox Sportsmanship Award*  
*Hudson Hollander – Charlie Knox Sportsmanship Award*  
*Chris Altese – Dr. John & Helen Moore Distinguished Service Award*

**Kelly Gibson Foundation Community Partners:**

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour has many proud partners: Crown Buick GMC, Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust, Alvarez & Marsal, Fore!Kids Foundation, Allstate Sugar Bowl, Manning Lumber & Marine, The BC Cup Foundation, New Orleans Golf Association, The P.I.G. Invitational Charity, The Mackel, Rob Noel Golf Academy, Guidry Golf & Sport, Ballard Brands, Foti Financial Services, McMath Construction, Hancock Whitney Bank, Champagne Beverage, Prime Hydration, Dunning Golf, tasc Performance, and Citation Logistics.

**About the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour:**

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour was founded in 2009 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](http://www.kellygibsonfoundation.org).*

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