



PGA
Kentucky Section

Kentucky PGA Section Application for the Ryder Cup Junior Golf Academy

In response to recommendations from past United States Ryder Cup Team Captains, The PGA of America has created the Ryder Cup Junior Golf Academy. This new initiative is designed to expand the outreach of the Ryder Cup and provide aspiring young players, who otherwise could not financially afford to attend, the opportunity to experience an elite player development academy. The primary emphasis of this program will focus on playing and competing in both stroke and match play formats.

Mission and Objectives:

- * Provide a unique and world-class junior golf academy and competitive experience.
- * Identify and provide to talented American boys and girls, without financial means, access to world class teachers, trainers, and competitive experiences through the Academy.
- * Create a learning environment with focus beyond technical skills to include competitive playing and physical fitness.
- * Leverage Ryder Cup history and traditions to influence character development of the juniors.
- * Extend the Ryder Cup brand into local communities and build a “one-of-a kind,” lasting legacy for Ryder Cup players, Captains, and The PGA of America.

Program Elements:

The Ryder Cup Junior Golf Academy will be a seven-day program conducted annually each summer at The PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

- * Award winning PGA Professionals from across the country will team with on-site staff to provide coaching and instruction with emphasis on swing mechanics, competitive course management, technology, fitness and physical assessments.
- * Past Ryder Cup Team Captains will be invited to participate and share insight on the history of the Ryder Cup and match play competition.
- * On course playing experiences will include a Stroke Play Championship, and two rounds of match play – (Singles & Four Ball), as well as Skills Challenges.

Schedule:

A total of 96 juniors (48 boys and 48 girls) from across the United States will be invited to attend, with each PGA Section sending one boy and one girl. **The Kentucky PGA Section will send one boy and one girl to the Academy.**

The Academy will be conducted over July 1-8, 2012

Criteria:

- * Must be enrolled in an accredited high school in Kentucky with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- * Must be between the ages of 14-17.
- * High desire to excel in competitive golf, with a proven record of performance.
- * High degree of character (involvement in activities such as but not limited to community service, student government and leadership associations).
- * Financial need is a very important factor - participant/family must be unable to afford to have the participant attend other elite player development academies and the parent/guardian of applicant must be willing to document family income to the KPGA.

Funding:

The PGA of America will provide the following for the participant:

- * Airfare (coach)
- * Housing for the participant
- * On-site meals for the participant
- * Scheduled ground transportation for the participant from Palm Beach International Airport to the official hotel to Palm Beach International Airport
- * Ground transportation for the participant to off-site events

Application Deadline:

Applications will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on February 10, 2012. Late applications will not be accepted. Winners will be determined by March 21, 2012.

Please direct questions to Director, Junior & Senior Golf, Kelly Newland at (502) 243-8295



RYDER CUP JUNIOR ACADEMY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following information shall remain confidential and will be destroyed upon acceptance or rejection of the applicant's application.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

FAMILY ANNUAL INCOME: _____

(Provide copy of family Federal Income Tax Return)

Annual Income from employment: (Indicate amount and source per family member)

Annual Income from other sources: (Indicate amount and source(s))

FAMILY ANNUAL EXPENSES: (List amounts and source(s) of all family expenses)

ANNUAL NET: (List the net of income minus expenses)

Describe any extenuating family issues that impact the family's financial situation.