



## **Financial Aid Policy**

The Greater Pensacola Junior Golf Association Incorporated, DBA First Tee – Gulf Coast (Federal EIN 59–3288799) is a 501C3 Nonprofit with the goal and mission of serving Northwest Florida and South Alabama through the seamless delivery of Golf Skills and Life Skills through a wide variety of classes, tournaments, clinics, and programs, seeking only two outcomes: Good Citizens and Golfers for Life.

Though we are a fee-based program--budgeted to operate on a breakeven basis annually--we pride ourselves on being a very low-cost program (particularly in relation to other sport-based programs). In addition, we offer half and full scholarships (fee discounts or waivers) to participants from at-need households to ensure financial barriers can be overcome for any youth wishing to participate in our programs.

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch through the National School Lunch Program are automatically eligible for scholarships into First Tee – Gulf Coast after-school and weekend classes (financial aid may not be available for a small number of specific programs). Families experiencing economic hardship are also welcome to receive financial aid through our pay-what-you-can option. When registering for classes, complete the Financial Aid section to apply. Once your request is reviewed and approved, you will receive an email inviting you to complete your transaction. Please keep an eye out for this email; your registration must be completed within 48 hours of receiving it in order for your child to secure a place in class. If participants receiving Financial Aid do not attend either of the first two classes of a session or their parents do not notify a coach of their absence, their spot will be opened for a child on the waitlist.

As a courtesy, First Tee – Gulf Coast also offers a sibling discount at 25% off for each additional sibling after the first participant. This discount will automatically be applied during the checkout process.

Please note that financial aid covers the class fee, but not the \$10 yearly membership. If you are not able to afford the membership dues, email us at [contactus@firstteegulfcoast.org](mailto:contactus@firstteegulfcoast.org). No student will be turned away for lack of funds.

First Tee – Gulf Coast Board of Directors