



**Washington Metropolitan Golf Association  
Emmett Scholarship Committee**

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**Application for the WMGA/Frank Emmet Scholarship Award - 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

College or University \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: First Application \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

**The goal of the WMGA in 2021 is to award a maximum of four, \$1,500.00 dollar scholarships to qualified first time applicants. The maximum award will be \$2,000.00. Priority is directed to those junior golfers who have supported the WMGA Junior Program.**

**First Time Application** - Please send the following to the Committee:

1. A letter specifically identifying your interest in receiving a scholarship award and why you believe that you are a worthy applicant. (Award is not necessarily based on financial need.)
2. An official transcript from your current institution.
3. Letters of recommendations from (a) a teacher or administrator who is familiar with your academic work, (b) someone who can attest to your character, and (c) someone who is aware of your participation in the WMGA Junior Golf Program and can comment on what you learned from the experience. (Mr. Emmet was not, and neither is the WMGA, concerned so much about winning and losing as about the learning experience with which a young person was involved in either winning, losing, or simply enjoying the game of golf.)

**Renewal – Note - beginning in 2018, renewals will only be considered if there are not enough first-time applicants making application and will only be renewed one time.** Please send the following materials to the Committee:

1. A letter indicating that you intend to remain in college and desire continued financial assistance.
2. An official transcript indicating that you are in good standing at your college or university.

**Please mail the relevant materials outlined above by July 15, 2021 to this address:**

**WMGA/Emmet Scholarship Committee  
c/o Michael N. Cumberpatch, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 812  
Arnold, MD 21012**

**We will make every effort to select and announce the names of the recipients by August 1.**



## Francis Xavier Emmet (1900 – 1982)

It is difficult to believe that when we see the number of junior golf programs today, one man had a vision in 1927 and single-handedly brought it to fruition.

“Mr. Junior Golf,” as Frank Emmet was affectionately known, laid out and helped build the nine-hole golf course at Georgetown Preparatory School. This is where the program began in 1927 and where the first Schoolboy Tournament was held in 1934. In May 1983, one year after Frank Emmet’s death, the event was renamed the Frank Emmet Schoolboy. The 88th renewal will be held at Worthington Manor Golf Club in June 2021.

The Junior Golfers of Washington was the name given to the local program started by Mr. Emmet. After the Second World War, the program had grown to a very large and well-respected organization that conducted several summer tournaments. Mr. Emmet helped start many such programs nationwide. In 1947, he approached the United States Golf Association about starting a Junior Amateur Championship. The USGA approved the idea, with Frank Emmet as a charter member of the organizational committee. The event began in 1948. The second competition was held at Congressional Country Club in 1949. Manor Country Club hosted the championship in 1957 and 1971, and the Columbia Country Club hosted in 2003.

Mr. Emmet always stressed the importance of education to the boys. “By studying hard during the school year, you earn the chance to play golf in the summer instead of going to summer school.” After many years of refusing any kind of honorarium, he did agree in 1977 to allow his name to be part of a scholarship program. In October of that year, there was a dinner at Indian Spring Country Club attended by nearly 500 people. Much of the cost of the evening was donated and the bulk of the collected funds started the Frank Emmet Scholarship program. In keeping with his wishes about education, college scholarships were awarded to those who maintained academic excellence but were not necessarily the top golfers in the program. Through the summer of 2019 there have been over 100 grants. The grants are awarded the summer after the junior golfers’ high school graduation.

It is almost impossible to know how many thousands of people have been part of the program. Many have gone on to become head professionals at our local clubs. Friendships begun as junior golfers have resulted in golfers playing together for years as adults in member guests and two-man team events. Whatever were the abilities of these young people, there is no question their lives benefited from a wonderful and caring man.

Upon Frank Emmet’s death in May of 1982, Bob Riley, who had worked closely with Mr. Emmet, took over the leadership of the junior program. In order to bolster administrative support, in the fall of 1997 the program was merged into the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association where Mr. Riley served as Executive Director. Under the auspices of the WMGA, the program continues to flourish with the running of four major junior championships every summer.

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