



Jim Kane Scholarship Application

Academic Year – 2025-2026

High School Senior or FTCV Alum

Currently Enrolled in College/Vocational School

Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 5pm PST

(Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted)

Dear First Tee - Coachella Valley Participant/Alum:

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Jim Kane Scholarship Fund benefiting High School Senior participants or alum of First Tee – Coachella Valley. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we will be awarding up to \$50,000.00 (total) in scholarships to First Tee – Coachella Valley graduating high school seniors planning to attend college/vocational school or alum currently attending college/vocational school. The requirements and guidelines for scholarship applications are as follows:

Eligibility

1. Must have completed their junior year of high school or currently enrolled at a college/vocational school. Applicants must have a 2.5 or better GPA.
2. Must be enrolled or enroll at a college or university of his/her choice. Community colleges and vocational schools where associate degrees or Certification are earned ***ARE eligible***.
3. Must have outstanding personal character, sportsmanship, and leadership qualities.
4. Must be a current member of FTCV, for no less than two years.

***Due to National College Athletic Association rules, Scholarship winners will not receive cash directly. Scholarship recipients are required to submit in writing the name and contact information of their college or university or trade school to FTCV within six (6) months of graduation. If funds are not dispersed within one (1) year of high school graduation, scholarship is deemed relinquished and dollars of said scholarship to be relinquished to the Jim Kane Scholarship Fund.

We look forward to reading through your application.

By signing this document, you agree that you will submit all pieces of this application in full, and that if you are found not having provided all pieces, your application will not be considered for funds.

Summary of Required Application Attachments

1. Essays answering the three questions provided. Each separate essay should be 250 words.
2. Letter of recommendation by a First Tee Coach or Staff Member

Printed Name of Applicant

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is less than 18 years of age)

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First Tee – Coachella Valley will announce the 2025-2026 awards by May 4th

Name: _____
(Please type) Last First Middle Initial

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: () - Email: _____

Last high school attended: _____ Year of graduation: _____
Name City/ State

Guidance Counselor: _____ Email or Telephone: _____

High School Golf Coach (if applicable): _____ Email or Telephone: _____

Class Rank (if available): _____ Class Size: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

College Entrance Test Scores (if available): SAT_____ ACT_____

Class year you will enter in college: Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐

College, university, or vocational school you plan to attend or are currently attending:

First Choice: _____

Name	Address	City/State/Zip
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Cost of tuition for one year: _____ Cost of room and board for one year: _____

Second Choice:

Name	Address	City/State/Zip
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Cost of tuition for one year: _____ Cost of room and board for one year: _____

Intended major/minor: _____

Degree you will pursue AA ☐ AS ☐ BA ☐ BS ☐ Other (please specify) ☐

Month/Year you intend to graduate from college: _____

Will you be registered full-time? _____

Will you attend the full academic term? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, which terms will you attend?

Where do you plan to live? On campus ☐ With parent ☐ Other ☐ _____

Do you intend to work while attending college? Yes ☐ No ☐

During School Months ☐ Summer ☐

Do you intend to work: Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☐

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHART

Please complete the chart below or please attach a list of activities/accomplishments to the application

A. Extracurricular & School Activities	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
<i>Example: Golf Club</i>	<i>Jan 2018 - Present</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Club President: Organized play dates</i>
B. Community & Volunteer Service	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
<i>Example: Habitat for Humanity</i>	<i>July 2022 – Aug 2022</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Helped build a home</i>
C. Awards & Recognition	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
<i>Example: Most Improved Award</i>	<i>Dec 2024</i>			<i>Most improved player on my golf team</i>
D. Work for Pay	Dates (From – To)	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Responsibilities & Accomplishments
<i>Example: Subway</i>	<i>July 2023 – Aug 2025</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>100+</i>	<i>Customer service, food prep</i>

ESSAY QUESTION

A major goal of the First Tee mission is to make a positive impact on your life. Your answer to the following questions will help the Scholarship Committee understand and evaluate the effect the mission has had on you. Your essays should provide insight into who you are as a person. Your answers should be typed, and each separate essay should not exceed 250 words. Written works are expected to be original and from the applicant.

1. Describe how you live your life positively through volunteering, community involvement, and giving back. Give a detailed example of how the First Tee Experience has encouraged these actions on your part.
2. How would you describe the experience you have had with First Tee to someone who knows nothing about the organization?
3. Explain obstacles you have overcome and how this scholarship will make a difference in your life.
4. **FOR ALUM ONLY:** Please write a one-page essay on where you are in your life's journey and how you have applied First Tee core values and key commitments within that journey.

Applicant Certification:

I (we) affirm the information reported is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I (we) agree that to verify the information reported on this form, I (we) will, on request, provide the documentation necessary to verify information reported. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

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