

THE FAIRWAY FOUNDATION

Keeping Kids on the Course

Mission, Goals and Future

Founded in 1993 as a cooperative effort of the Minnesota Section of the PGA, the Minnesota Golf Association and the Burnet Senior Classic, The Fairway Foundation was formed to provide a quality golf experience for youth who would not otherwise be exposed to the game.

Through structured programming that include a Life Skills component, The Fairway Foundation helps young people develop character and skills such as honesty, self-respect, self-esteem, self-discipline, anger management, and conflict resolution. These positive skills and values serve young people into adulthood and throughout the remainder of their lives.

The Fairway Foundation wants to expand and develop our programming and serve as a model to other community organizations helping the growth and development of young people. The Fairway Foundation collaborates with other community based organizations such as the YMCA, The Boys and Girls clubs, Sabathani Community Center, the Golden Eagles Program, the Minneapolis and St Paul Park and Recreation Departments. through these joint efforts, The Fairway Foundation continues to extend its reach and influence and touch many young lives.

The Fairway Foundation programs run year-round. Winter training takes place in our indoor swing and putting center with additional trips to local domes. Summer is our busy time as kids go to golf ranges and public and private courses to practice and play. The Fairway Foundation staff and local PGA professionals conduct our clinics and work one-on-one with all our kids.

As these young players show interest and commitment, they are rewarded with their own set of clubs. Many other opportunities are open to The Fairway Foundation kids - reduced rates at local courses, trips to major golf events held in Minnesota, golf camps and clinics with touring professionals like Tiger Woods, Tom Lehman and Tim Herron.



JANE MACKENZIE, president of The Fairway Foundation, accepts a donation from MGCSA president Rick Fredericksen, CGCS. With Mackenzie and Fredericksen are program director Tony Morrow, left, and office manager Jane DiMenna on the right.

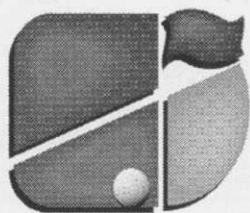
Educational Scholarships

We offer golf-oriented work programs to retain and help high school kids develop good work habits and earn money. As caddies or golf course employees, program participants learn important lessons while doing an activity they love.

The Fairway foundation also offers a college scholarship each year to kids who have participated in the program and demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

About the Kids

The Fairway Foundation kids, age 8 and up, from the inner-cities of Minneapolis and St Paul. they join our program through local community service organizations. There are no ethnic gender or racial boundaries. many of our kids are in need of positive role models and the opportunity to experience constructive activities outside of their normal environment.



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