



**Evans Scholars**



### **What is a caddie and why is it important?**

A caddie is someone who assists golfers during their rounds and is considered a vital part of the game of golf. Their responsibilities include carrying the golfer's bag, pacing yardages, replacing divots, raking bunkers and attending the flagstick. Caddying is a great way to learn the game of golf in addition to being an important part of golf's heritage and part of its future. Also, caddying is an investment for the future of young men and women learning valuable life skills along the way.

### **Benefits for young people from Caddying**

- Opportunity to earn great money while working flexible hours – that flexibility is important because many young people are involved in various activities in addition to focusing on school.
- Caddying is often the first job for many kids – it exposes them to a real-life work experience and helps to develop outstanding work ethic and attitude.
- Great work environment – caddies can work outside, interact with peers and make new friends.
- Ability to work and exercise – caddying is an excellent way to stay fit because it is an excellent cardiovascular activity improving muscle tone, endurance, cholesterol, etc.
- Exposure to positive role models and community leaders – young people will have the chance to learn from successful individuals developing a mentoring relationship in a healthy environment.
- Stepping-stone job for other opportunities - opens doors to take on other roles in and outside the golf club.
- Opportunity for a Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies – a full, four-year tuition and housing college scholarship for deserving caddies. The Evans Scholars Foundation has been administered by the Western Golf Association since 1930 featuring 14 Evans Scholarship Houses with 935 Evans Scholars currently enrolled at universities throughout the country.

“Looking back over the years, the biggest break of my life has been the Evans Scholarship. From that tremendous gift, all the rest was made possible.” – Evans Scholar Alum

“Evans Scholars are not just caddies; they are hardworking, determined achievers.” – Current Scholar

### **How do I become a Caddie?**

Contact your local golf club that has a caddie program to inquire about signing up to join their caddie ranks. If you are not sure where or even who has a caddie program, you can utilize the WGA/ESF Caddie Locator on our website. Go to [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org), and under the Caddies section you can view our Caddie Locator featuring clubs with caddie programs near you and their contact information.

### **Caddie Resources**

You may view the WGA Caddie Training Video, Caddie Manual and Caddie Exam at [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org). Having a good attitude and putting forth good effort are keys to becoming a successful caddie.