



Evans Scholars Foundation



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PHILADELPHIA-AREA CADDIES EARN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA – Three students from the Philadelphia area were recently named recipients of the Platt Evans Scholarship, a full housing and tuition college grant awarded to golf caddies.

The result of a partnership between the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholars Foundation and the Golf Association of Philadelphia's J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust, Platt Evans Scholars are chosen based on a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need and outstanding character.

The recipients – Parker Bria of Roslyn, John McCormick of Horsham, and William Morris of Fourtown – will attend Penn State University in University Park this fall.

The three were awarded the Platt Evans Scholarship following a Feb. 23 selection meeting at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square. Aronimink Golf Club will host the 2018 BMW Championship, a FedExCup Playoff event to be conducted by the Western Golf Association from Sept. 4-9.

Proceeds from the 2018 BMW Championship will be used to fund Platt Evans Scholarships to Penn State University and to establish a scholarship house on campus, where Scholars will live and learn together.

The Aronimink Golf Club selection meeting was one of more than 20 such meetings the Evans Scholars Foundation will hold across the country through the spring. When the 2017-18 selection meeting process is completed by April, an estimated 275 caddies nationwide are expected to be awarded the Evans Scholarship.

The recipients are:

Parker Bria, from Roslyn, caddies at Huntingdon Valley Country Club. A senior at Abington Senior High School, she plans to study engineering. Parker is involved in many activities including student council, Key Club and National Honor Society. She plays on the varsity golf team and also participates in basketball, softball, ballet and competitive canoeing. She says, "I enjoy caddying and working alongside such great people. College education is very important to me. I am excited for the future of my college career."

John McCormick, from Horsham, caddies at Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club. A senior at Hatboro-Horsham High School, he plans to study finance, a path he discovered through caddying for members at his country club. A member of the National Honor Society, he also started an investment club at his high school. He says, "I will always be grateful to the many individuals I caddied for over the years. They were generous, intelligent, humorous, motivating and, without realizing it, teachers."

They taught me to have a stronger sense of myself, look for a purpose and maintain the discipline to achieve my goals.”

William Morris, from Flourtown, caddied at Philadelphia Cricket Club. He is a senior at Springfield Township High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, captain of the golf team and captain of the academic team. He also has played on the baseball team. William plans to study chemical engineering. He says caddying helped him to form relationships with people he would never have otherwise met. He says, “I realized something significant was happening. I saw the chance to make a true connection with someone; a chance that can only come from learning their story. So I decided to delve deeper.”

The three recipients will join seven other Platt Evans Scholars this fall at Penn State. This is the fifth year of the partnership between the ESF and the J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust.

“Based on their excellence in the classroom and their service to their schools and communities, these young students have certainly earned this life-changing opportunity,” said local WGA Director Frank Polizzi. “We welcome them to the Evans Scholars family.”

“This partnership with the Evans Scholars Foundation is fabulous, and I compliment our trustees for approving the initiative,” said J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust Chairman Jonathan P. Warner. “To have caddies like Parker, John and William involved strengthens our mission of making a difference in the educational lives of young men and women.”

About the Evans Scholars Foundation

Established by famed amateur golfer Charles Chick Evans Jr., the Evans Scholars Foundation provides full housing and tuition scholarships to high-achieving caddies across the country. The Program, which is supported by the Western Golf Association, is funded by contributions from more than 32,000 Evans Scholars Par Club members, including Evans Scholars Alumni, as well as proceeds from the BMW Championship. Since the Program’s inception in 1930, more than 10,600 caddies nationwide have graduated as Evans Scholars. To learn more, visit www.wgaesf.org.

About the J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust

The J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust provides annual scholarship grants of up to \$10,000. Currently there are 165 Platt Scholars. In the 2017-18 academic year, the Trust awarded more than \$1 million, thanks to the generosity of golfers from greater Philadelphia.

The J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust, founded in 1958, receives contributions from more than 4,000 golfers and businesses each year. The Trust has awarded college scholarships to more than 3,500 deserving golf caddies and is the official charity of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, founded in 1897. Visit www.plattcaddiescholarship.org for more information.

About the BMW Championship

The BMW Championship dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup Playoffs. The BMW Championship features a field of 70 players to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup finale at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. Since 2007, the BMW Championship has contributed more than \$24 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, the event’s charitable beneficiary. To learn more, visit www.bmwchampionship.com.

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