

Scholarship History

The Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association was formed in 1984 which included several members surrounding the Kearney-Grand Island area. In 1991, the CNSGA Board lead by **Don Treadway** (President) established the Scholarship Accords providing the basis and direction of the present scholarship program. Since 1991 and the establishment of the Accords, CNSGA has continually expanded to an area encompassing most of central Nebraska with 550 members. With a need to regulate scholarship applications to best serve the CNSGA region, the CNSGA Board set up a boundary in Central Nebraska which included current event sites and a majority of the membership.

In 2022, the CNSGA Board designated an area east to west from York to Ogallala and North to South from Valentine to the Kansas border but not including Southwest Nebraska or some previous event sites such as Albion, Central City, and Ainsworth due to lack of event participation. Since then, our membership and event sites have continued to grow outside of these original boundaries. Many of the event sites in 2025 were full leaving many of the CNSGA members unable to play and creating a need for more events. New membership and new event sights continued to come from areas outside of the original boundaries of 2022. Thus, a need to expand.

In 2025, the CNSGA board established a new set of boundaries to encompass the new demands. The new boundaries include Southwest Nebraska with communities of Grant, Enders, Imperial, Benkelman, and Stratton. On the West side from Ogallala (Bayside) North to Cody, Nebraska and then East to Valentine. Then extending the East boundary outward to include communities of Fullerton, Albion, Central City, and Ainsworth. In the history of CNSGA, Albion, Central City, and Ainsworth previously hosted events. Fullerton was the home community of one of the original CNSGA board members and the site of a new event beginning in 2024. Scholarship applications that come from outside of this established area will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Beginning in 1991, the CNSGA Board funded two \$1000 scholarships (one male and one female). Funds were from a \$1 per player fee paid by the host club, with the balance from dues revenue. Seeking to expand the program, **Gary Mason** (Scholarship Chairman at the time) began "passing the hat" at various tournaments. Board discussions lead to adding a donation line to the membership renewal / application form. The membership has stepped up with voluntary donations providing enough for five or six or more scholarships. In 2014, **Don Sackett** (current Scholarship Chairman) began honoring scholarship recipients at a CNSGA event in the presence of the CNSGA membership. This added publicity has increased donation to the current level.

This scholarship boundary established in 2025 coincided with the Western Nebraska Senior Golf Association, the Northeast Nebraska Senior Golf Association, and the Eastern Nebraska Senior Golf Association to enhance the golf opportunities for seniors across the state of Nebraska.