

# 2023 Scholarship Annual Membership Report

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**Many thanks to all of our members who contribute to the scholarship program to make it so successful!**

For the 2022-2023 scholarship year, we received sixteen applications. There were six girl applicants and ten boy applications. Since 2005 when records have been kept, we have had forty-two boy scholarship recipients and forty-four girl scholarship recipients. We gave out a total of six \$1000 scholarships. All sixteen candidates came highly recommended and received strong support. All scholarship application information is received by all of the schools in the CNSGA region twice a year, once in late December and once in early February. All applications are due March 1. If you have any senior candidates worthy of the CNSGA scholarship, please have them contact a school official during this time.

### **2023 CNSGA Scholarship Recipients**

**Alex Schademann of Fillmore Central High School.** His parents are Kevin and Donruedi Schademann. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship Alex was a 2021 NSAA Class C-1 State Championship State Runner-Up. He was a 2022 NSAA Class C-1 State Championship 3<sup>rd</sup>-place finisher. He was in the TOP 5 at nearly all his Invitationals placing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> eight times. Alex was the Nebraska Optimist Champion 4 times, played in the Optimist International Tournament twice, and qualified for the Trump Doral National Tournament twice. During his sophomore and junior year of his high school golf career, he was the Southern Nebraska 2021 Conference Champion, 2021 District Champion, plus runner up in both Conference and District in 2022. Alex was elected to the Class C All-State Boys' Golf Team twice, was the PGA Nebraska Junior Champion, was the 2022 USGA Junior alternate in the National Championship. In his senior year, Alex won the Friend Invite, Hastings St. Cecilia Invite, the Sutton Invite, and was runner-up at the Superior Invite and Southern Nebraska Conference Tournament. Alex was awarded the Southern Nebraska Conference Player of the Year. Alex plans to attend the Nebraska Wesleyan University majoring in Biology while playing on the Nebraska Wesleyan's Prairie Wolves men's golf team.

**Ryan Seevers of York High School.** His parents are Phil and Danyel Seevers. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship this York Duke in his sophomore and junior years of competition placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Central Conference, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the NSAA B-1 District Golf tournament, and placed 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the NSAA Class B State Boys' Golf Tournament. Ryan placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Optimist National Tournament and played in the National Trump Doral tournament in Florida 3 times placing as high as 9<sup>th</sup>. Ryan supports a strong junior program, placing in the TOP 10 twelve times in fifteen events while shooting 3 sub-par rounds. In his senior year, this York Duke placed in all 8 invitational meets. He led his Dukes to an impressive win at the Ron Coleman Invitational at McCook shooting an even 72 and taking 1<sup>st</sup> place! Ryan helped his team to a record-breaking Central Conference win of 293 strokes winning by 23 strokes. The team members placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and tied for 5<sup>th</sup>. This York Duke supports a handicap of +.4. He was the 2022 Nebraska Junior Golf Player of the Year. Ryan plans to attend the University of South Dakota in his pursuit of a business management degree while playing golf for the Coyotes.

**Hailey Kenkel of the Grand Island High School.** Her parents are David and Kim Kenkel. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, this Grand Island Islander was a 4-time Class A State Golf Qualifier. Miss Kenkel was selected to the Nebraska Coaches Association Girls' Super State Golf Team. This Islander won the Class A Norfolk Invite, and the Islander Invite while shooting a 2-under par 70. Hailey placed in

the TOP 10 eight times in Invitational play. She placed in the Top 10 at conference and district competition. She earned a 5<sup>th</sup> place medal in the NSAA Class A Girls' State Golf Tournament. Hailey's enthusiasm for golf is shown by her strong involvement in junior golf competition across the state attending more than 20 events during the summers of her high school career. This includes playing in the Nebraska Girls' Amateur Golf Tournament her junior year. Hailey plans to attend Wayne State College in her pursuit of a Business Administration and Sports Management while continuing her competition by playing on the Wayne State Wildcat Women's Golf team.

**Olivia Ottman of Northwest High School in Grand Island.** Her parents are Kevin and Kim Ottman. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, this Northwest High School Viking in Invitational play was in the TOP 10 in 15 out of 17 Invitationals she played during her high school career. Olivia medaled in all invitationals during her junior and senior year. This Viking won the Central Conference tournament as a junior and won the B-3 District Tournament as a senior. At the NSAA Class B State Girls' Golf Tournament, this Viking placed 16<sup>th</sup> as a junior and 13<sup>th</sup> as a senior. During Olivia's junior year, she helped her Northwest Vikings to 5 Invitational Championships, a Central Conference Championship, a Class B-3 district championship, and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the NSAA Class B Girls' Golf Tournament. Olivia participated in over 20 junior golf events and competed at the State level all 4 years of her High School career. Olivia will be attending Wayne State College in her pursuit of a Business/Psychology degree. She will continue her golfing career with the Wayne State Wildcats women's golf team.

**Macy Jones of the Cambridge Public Schools.** Her parents are Ryon Jones and Samantha Jones. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, this Cambridge Trojan in Invitational play placed in the TOP 10 nineteen times and placed in the TOP three of those Invitationals seven times winning the Cambridge Invitational twice. Macy, a four State qualifier, placed 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> in District V competition three times. During her season Macy, representing a Class D school, competed against schools like Hastings, Adams Central, McCook, Broken Bow, Minden, Kearney Catholic, and GI Central Catholic. Cambridge girls' golf program was established in 2014. She holds several of the TOP 10 Trojan records including, low individual 18-hole score, low individual 9-hole score and low season scoring average. This Trojan played in the Girls' Class C State Golf Tournament all four years of her high school career. Macy played in the Nebraska Lions All-Star High School Golf Tournament. Macy will attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney studying Radiography specializing in Sonography.

**Kelsey Essex of the Heartland Lutheran High School.** Her parents are Chad and Melissa Essex. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, this Heartland Lutheran Red Hornet began her first two years of her high school golf career on the Doniphan-Trumbull Cardinal girls' team. As a Cardinal, Kelsey placed in the Top-10 of Invitational play seven times while winning the Gibbon Invite. As a side note: During these two years several of her invitationals were cancelled due weather. Kelsey as a freshman placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Loup Platte Conference leading her team to a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish and as a sophomore. Also, Kelsey won the Loup Platte Conference Tournament as a sophomore. Transferring to Heartland Lutheran and now playing on the "boys" team her junior year, this Red Hornet placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Red Cloud Invite, 10<sup>th</sup> in the Sandy Creek Invite and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Goldenrod Conference. Competing in her senior year as team captain and number one golfer, Kelsey placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Osceola Invite and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Goldenrod Conference. As a side note: Of the 5 invitationals scheduled during her senior year, three were cancelled due to bad weather. Kelsey will attend the Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas, while playing golf for the Wesleyan Coyotes while earning a degree in Exercise Science.

