

# RED RUN GOLF CLUB

## Evans Scholars Program Overview

Red Run Golf Club members generously support the Evans Scholars Program in helping deserving young caddies in pursuit of a college education. The Evans Scholarship is a full tuition and housing college scholarship for high-achieving caddies with limited financial means.

As the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies, the Evans Scholars Foundation has helped thousands of hardworking young men and women get to college since 1930. A record 1,130 youth caddies are enrolled as Evans Scholars for the 2023-24 academic year at 24 leading universities across the country. More than 12,040 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program was founded in 1930.

The history of Red Run Golf Club and its commitment to the Program is highlighted by the 99 Red Run Evans Scholars Alumni as well as five Red Run Evans Scholars in school for the 2023-24 academic year and one newly awarded Evans Scholar who will begin college in fall 2024.



### Red Run Golf Club 2023-24 Evans Scholars



**Ethan Price**

Class of 2024

Michigan State University  
Human Biology



**Joseph Sorgi III**

Class of 2024

Michigan State University  
Mechanical Engineering



**Connor Wilczewski**

Class of 2025

Michigan State University  
Computer Engineering/  
Electrical Engineering



**Jack Lewandowski**

Class of 2026

Michigan State University  
Business Administration



**Jeffrey Nugent**

Class of 2026

Michigan State University  
Finance

### Red Run Golf Club Newly Awarded Evans Scholar



**Dane Benner**

Class of 2028

Newly Awarded Evans Scholar

### Evans Scholarship Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

*To qualify to apply for an Evans Scholarship, a caddie must meet the following:*

**Strong caddie record:** Applicants must have caddied, regularly and successfully, for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddie at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the Scholarship.

**Excellent academics:** Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses. The ACT and SAT were optional for 2023 applicants.

**Demonstrated financial need:** Applicants must clearly have a need for financial assistance.

**Outstanding character:** Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

# EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

## By The Numbers

**Red Run Golf Club** has a rich tradition with the Western Golf Association and the Evans Scholars Foundation dating back to 1952 when Bob McMasters became our first caddie to be awarded an Evans Scholarship. Moreover, in the over 120-year history of the WGA only two men from the State of Michigan have been elected Chairman and both are members of Red Run G.C - Bob McMasters, 1996-97 and David Robinson, 2016-17. The Foundation is supporting five Evans Scholars from the Club in the 2023-24 academic year. WGA's golf championships rank among the oldest and most prestigious in the U.S. with Red Run proudly hosting the 1958 Western Open and the 2016 Western Junior.

To be eligible to apply for an Evans Scholarship for caddies, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Strong caddie record:** Applicants must have caddied, regularly and successfully, for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddie at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the Evans Scholarship.
- 2. Excellent academics:** Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses.
- 3. Demonstrated financial need:** Applicants must clearly have a need for financial assistance.
- 4. Outstanding character:** Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

Evans Scholars attend 24 leading universities nationwide. Our students live and work together in community, earning a reputation for scholastic achievement and excellence in community service.

### Evans Scholars Partner Universities

University of Chicago	Michigan State University
University of Colorado	University of Minnesota
Howard University	University of Missouri
University of Illinois	Northwestern University
University of Illinois Chicago	University of Notre Dame
University of Iowa	Ohio State University
Indiana University	University of Oregon
University of Kansas	Penn State University
Marquette University	Purdue University
University of Maryland	Rutgers University
Miami University	University of Washington
University of Michigan	University of Wisconsin

In recognition of the foundation's governance and other best practices for nonprofit organizations, the Evans Scholars Foundation has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. A coveted 4-star rating, the highest honor possible, recognizes the foundation's sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability. Only 17 percent of the charities evaluated have received at least five consecutive 4-star evaluations. In addition, the Evans Scholars Foundation is a platinum-level GuideStar participant demonstrating its commitment to transparency.



The Evans Scholars Program addresses the barriers to college graduation faced by students and prepares them for a lifetime of success. Evans Scholars graduate at a rate of **95%** significantly higher than national averages for the student populations the Program serves. After graduation, Evans Scholars are well-prepared to build successful careers.

**94.8%** of Class of 2023 Evans Scholars were employed full-time or attending graduate school within six months of graduation. This far exceeds the success rates of their non-Evans Scholar peers and truly demonstrates the life-changing impact of the Evans Scholarship.

## FAST FACTS

For Red Run Golf Club

**5** Red Run Golf Club Scholars for the 2023-24 academic year

**99**

Red Run G.C. Alumni since 1956, among the Evans Scholars Program's 12,040 Alumni

**\$3 Million**

Total given by Red Run G.C. to the Evans Scholars Foundation exceeds \$3 Million

**\$29 Million**  
Annual Evans Scholars Program Costs



**\$29.7 Million**  
Alumni giving in 2023, for a total of \$249.5 million all-time