

# EARL WOODS SCHOLAR PROGRAM 2022-2023 APPLICATION

## BACKGROUND

The Earl Woods Scholar Program was created in 2006 to honor the vision and spirit of Earl Woods, Tiger's father and mentor, and continue his legacy of sharing and caring.

TGR Foundation empowers youth to pursue their passions through education. The Earl Woods Scholar Program provides students an unparalleled network, admissions and career counseling, financial assistance, dedicated mentors, specialized internships and vital workshops. Our 12th grade program model aims to help high-achieving high school students who demonstrate financial need, show a commitment to community service and have plans to enroll full-time in an accredited four-year university in the United States in the upcoming academic year.



## EARL WOODS

### Chairman in Memoriam, TGR Foundation – A Tiger Woods Charity



Earl Woods was the last of six children born March 5, 1932, to Maude and Miles Woods in Manhattan, Kansas. He attended Kansas State University, where he was a catcher on the university's baseball team and was the first African American to play in the Big Seven (now Big Twelve) Conference.

Earl later joined the US. Army and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While serving two tours of duty in Vietnam, he met and befriended the original "Tiger," South Vietnamese soldier and friend Nguyen Phong, for whom his son is nick-named.

Woods' love for golf inspired his son, Tiger, who began imitating his father's swing before reaching his first birthday. Woods continued to nurture Tiger's love for golf, serving as his coach and mentor throughout the golfer's amateur and professional career.

“ My whole life is about being positive. It's about dreaming, and then taking steps in life to achieve those dreams. It is about overcoming obstacles and stereotypes such as bigotry and prejudice. Life is about giving and about sharing and caring for others, standing up and being counted for what you believe in, being a spokesperson and a role model, and being an inspiration. ”

*From "Playing Through: Straight Talk on Hard Work, Big Dreams and Adventures with Tiger" by Earl Woods.*

In 1996, Earl and Tiger established TGR Foundation – A Tiger Woods Charity (TGRF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and empowerment of underrepresented youth. TGRF began its outreach through national grants and scholarships, junior golf clinics and public speaking engagements. Since its inception, the foundation has grown to reach millions of young people through education and character-development programs.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Eligible candidates are graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, commitment to community service and financial need.
- Annual scholarship award is up to \$5,000 (renewable for up to four years).
- Scholars will participate in workshops throughout the year.
- Scholars will be matched with a dedicated mentor.
- Scholars will receive internship placement assistance.
- Scholars will be provided with career development services for post-baccalaureate plans.
- Scholarship finalists must be available for an in-person interview on Saturday, April 30.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Student must be a graduating high school senior from a geographic area and/or high school that has been invited to apply.
- Student must have a 3.0 minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Student must demonstrate financial need and a commitment to community service.
- Student must enroll full-time in a four-year degree program, at a U.S. accredited, not-for-profit, private or public university immediately upon high school graduation.
- Student must participate in a mandatory in-person Pre-College Retreat and Scholarship Orientation July 6-8.



## Application Process Preparation

Read through the items below as you prepare to gather all the materials, write your essays and request your letters of recommendation.

### Supplemental Documents

- 2021 Federal tax returns, W-2 forms and related schedules
- Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Official high school transcript
- Recommender forms

### Short Answer Questions

1. Tell us about your plans for college. (i.e. Where have you applied? Where would you like to attend?)
2. What will be your major in college to support your career plans? What Inspired you to choose this career path?
3. What problem do you want to solve?

### Essay Requirements

Please submit a typed, double-spaced, 400–700-word essay in 12-point font for each topic listed below (three essays total). Points are awarded based on content, development, organization, grammar, spelling, syntax and style.

Please remember to:

- Number each page of your essay.
- Include your name on the top right corner of each page.
- Staple the essays together and submit them with your application.

### WRITING TOPICS

**WRITING PROMPT #1** “You will have unlimited opportunities to do whatever you set your mind to.” - Earl Woods

Describe yourself and explain how your family, community and personal experiences have helped to shape you. How have they influenced your goals for the future? This should be very personal – about you as a human being.

**WRITING PROMPT #2** “If you’re looking for a role model who can show you how to get through life and be a good, successful person, look at those around you who have already made it: your parents, family members, teachers, coaches, friends, famous people (yes including athletes) who do things you admire, anyone who has had a positive impact on your life.” - Earl Woods

Tell us about an external influence (a person, an event, etc.) that affected you and how it caused you to change direction.

**WRITING PROMPT #3** “You can make a difference in the world you live in, one action at a time.” - Earl Woods

The pandemic has impacted our communities and brought many challenges and opportunities. We would like to know, what have you done to make an impact in your community or within yourself?



### Recommender Form

Our application requires two recommender forms to be completed by a teacher, counselor, community member or adult leader that knows you well. Please share this document and/or this [link](#) with each recommender.

## APPLY TODAY!

Applications are due by  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2022.**

