



EARL WOODS SCHOLAR PROGRAM

2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



BACKGROUND

The Earl Woods Scholar Program was created in 2006 to honor the vision and spirit of the late 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.

In 1996, Earl and Tiger established TGR Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and empowerment of students from under-resourced communities. The Foundation 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

- Annual scholarship awards 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 career-building opportunities.
- Scholars will be provided with career development services for post-baccalaureate plans.
- Scholarship finalists must be available for an in-person interview in April 2025.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Student must be a graduating high school senior with demonstrated academic excellence 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 on July 9-11, 2025.



APPLY TODAY!



Applications are due by
Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

TGR Foundation and the TGR Learning Labs admit students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

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

- High School Transcript
- FAFSA Submission Summary
- Academic Résumé
- Essay Responses
- 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. In what field do you plan to major in college? What inspired you to choose this career path?
3. What challenges do you anticipate in your first year of college, and what specific steps or strategies do you plan to take to address these challenges?
4. What problem do you want to solve?
5. How do you balance your personal responsibilities (i.e., home, work, volunteer, etc.) to ensure they are not interfering with your schoolwork?

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.



ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a typed, double-spaced, 400–700-word essay in 12-point font for each topic listed below (two essays total). Include your name and essay prompt number on the top right corner of each page (i.e., Alma Gutierrez #1).

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

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

What have you done to make an impact in your community? Why are you involved in this activity, and what do you hope to accomplish?

EARL WOODS

Chairman in Memoriam, TGR Foundation

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 the first African American to play in the Big Seven (now Big Twelve) Conference.

Earl later joined the U.S. 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 during his 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

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have any questions, please contact Alma Gutierrez at agutierrez@tgrfoundation.org