

JULIA H. DODDS
JUNIOR GIRLS AWARD

Sponsored by the IWGA

Established in 1992, an outstanding graduating high school senior is awarded the Julia H. Dodds Junior Girl's award. The award is in honor of Mrs. Dodds, who was the first 50-year member of the Illinois Women's Golf Association.

The \$1,000 award will be directed to the award winner's college to assist with her educational expenses. If NCAA rules prohibit the direction of this award to the player's expenses, the award will be re-directed to her high school golf team.

To be considered for the award, the player must have played in the IWGA State Junior Tournament. Criteria for selection include: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, Sportsmanship, and... Love for the game of Golf.

Girls who are interested in being nominated should send information which includes academic status and activity participation. Also, two (2) letters of recommendation are required: one from the high school golf coach and one from the principal or a high school teacher. Nominations can come from anyone who may have knowledge and information of qualified girls. This information should be sent to: Marlene Miller, 351 Birkdale Road, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, (847) 243-2154 or email mememiller@aol.com.

Past recipients of the award are:

- 1992 – Shannon McDonald
- 1993 – Rachel Henry
- 1994 – Erin Stukart
- 1995 – Trina Cashburn
- 1996 – Jill Gomric
- 1997 – Laura Patrick
- 1998 – Laura Myerscough
- 1999 – Elizabeth Burden
- 2000 – Beth Hermes
- 2001 – Katherine Carson
- 2002 – Jackie Bailey
- 2003 – Chelsea Bach
- 2004 – Christine Zoerlein
- 2005 – Nancy Featherstone
- 2006 – Not awarded
- 2007 – Elizabeth Fernandes
- 2008 – Meg Gilley

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The recipient of the Julia Dodds' Junior Award is voted on by the Board at the Spring Board Meeting.

The President:

1. Writes to the winner (sample in Junior Award File)
2. Contacts the college to see if the monetary award can be sent according to NCAA rules. (sample in Junior Award File). If not the money will be sent to the winner's high school golf program.
3. Fills out the certificate (in Junior Award File) and purchases a frame, for the certificate, to be presented at the State Amateur dinner.
4. Takes care of the Junior Plaque. The Plaque is engraved with the names of previous winners.

The Junior Plaque is not usually given to the winner to keep for the year. It is hard to get it back for the next year's tournament --- especially if the winner does not return. Therefore, the Plaque should be engraved PRIOR to the State Amateur and presented as a "symbol" of the winner's honor and then displayed on the prize table at the Amateur and the Junior Tournaments.

This Plaque along with the framed certificate are presented to the winner along with a "pretend" check for \$1,000 to be used towards her college expenses. The "real" check is sent to the college. The IWGA Treasurer can send the check to the IWGA President who in turn sends it to the college along with a note. Up to the President how this is done

The presentation at the State Amateur can be done by Marlene Miller, who has chaired the Junior Award Committee for a long time, or someone else on the Board. A nice time to remind the contestants the \$1,000 comes from the Charities' Account.

The Junior Award winner should also be acknowledged at the Junior Tournament. Tell contestants how to apply for the scholarship. Have forms available for them to take home.