

# The Tom Tetrault Scholarship



Tom Tetrault entered the golf business right out of college as an Assistant Golf Professional at the Fall River Country Club in 1972. Prior to his start, he served as captain of the golf team both at Roger Williams University and St. Raphael's Academy.

In 1976 Tom was appointed as the Head Golf Professional at the Fall River Country Club where he served in this position until his retirement in 2011. Throughout Tom's career, he was well known for his ambition to help others. Whether it be members at his club, kids in the community or other golf professionals throughout the country. In fact, he left such an impact in the community that in 2017 legislation was signed by State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, State Representative Carole Fiola and former Governor Charlie Baker, renaming the bridge leading into the Fall River Country Club, the "Tom Tetrault Bridge."

Among the many awards that Tom received throughout his career included, the Horton Smith Award, Bill Strausbaugh Award, New England PGA Professional of the Year and Junior Golf Leader. However, the biggest honor was when Tom was inducted into the New England PGA Hall of Fame. During his induction the following was said, "His contributions as a true pioneer in the success of education, club relations and junior golf programs in New England and around the country are legendary."

Tom will always be remembered for his passion towards golf but more importantly his dedication towards bettering the game of golf for youth. He enjoyed seeing the next generation carry on and share the love of the game that he had for so many years. He was known for promoting junior golf through free summer programs and clinics for the youth within and around the city of Fall River. If a child could not afford a set of clubs, Tom would find a set. If lessons were needed, Tom would provide lessons, almost always free of charge.

The Tom Tetrault Scholarship is intended to honor Tom and his passion for helping youth better themselves in the game of golf so that they can learn and love the game that he enjoyed for his entire career. The scholarship will be awarded each year to deserving students between ages 7-16, who are passionate about learning and growing in the game of golf.

The scholarship will go towards individuals of the greater Fall River area (Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, Dighton, Westport, Freetown, Dartmouth) and be used towards golf lessons, clubs, junior golf memberships and golf accessories.

## Key Deadlines:

Application Process Opens	January 1st
Application Deadline	March 31st
Award Given	May

The Tom Tetrault Scholarship Committee will award five (5) \$400 Scholarships to deserving youth in the greater Fall River area in May of each year.

Please note, this Scholarship will accept applications starting January of 2024

# The Tom Tetrault Scholarship Fund

## The Tom Tetrault Scholarship Committee

Michael Tetrault	Founding member of the Tom Tetrault Scholarship Fund
Christine Gunzburger	Founding member of the Tom Tetrault Scholarship Fund
Donald Daley, PGA	Head Golf Professional, Atlantic Country Club
Brent Amaral, PGA	Head Golf Professional, Acoaxet Club
Lowell Metivier	Assistant Golf Professional, Acoaxet Country Club
Drew Chapman, PGA	Head Golf Professional, The Links at Mass Golf
Senator Michael J. Rodrigues	State Senator, Massachusetts
Neil Rodrigues	Tournament Advisor



## Eligibility Criteria

- Scholarship to benefit youth between 7-16 years of age
- Committed to learning and practicing the game of golf
- Shows respect towards peers and good sportsmanship along with integrity and honesty

## Required Material

- One (1) Letter of Recommendation from a golf professional or golf coach or athletic director
- Personal Statement or Essay, 500 words or less, commenting on the question below:

*"Why should you be granted the Tom Tetrault Scholarship and how you plan to use the funds to better yourself in the game of golf?"*

**[The Tom Tetrault Scholarship – Deadline March 31st](#)**