

Dear Selection Committee,

As a young kid who grew up watching Tiger Woods's transformation of professional golf, I was inspired not only by his dominant play, but by his competitive fire that seemed to always be unmatched. Wanting to inspire others the same way that Tiger inspired me, my family and I launched a "How I Play Golf" series on YouTube when I was 7 years old in an attempt to continue growing the game of golf, especially within the younger generation.

The channel has 43 videos with over half a million combined lifetime views, and has been featured in several news broadcasts (e.g. [link: NBC local TV interview](#)), as well as mentioned by Golf Channel's Kelly Tilghman ([link: Kelly's Tweet](#)). To ensure that I can help others learn as quickly as possible, all of my instructional videos are short and concise, mostly spanning under 2 minutes, consisting of three or four key steps to hitting a different type of golf shot. I end off each video with the slogan "If I can do it, you can do it too!", conveying the message that if a little kid is capable of playing golf at this level, then it's possible for anyone in the world. Aside from the YouTube channel ([link: my most popular video](#)), my father also constructed a [website](#) that has tracked my golf progress over the past decade.

Throughout my adolescent years that mainly consisted of juggling golf and school, I managed to maintain excellent grades (4.2 cumulative high school GPA), but golf has always been the main focus for me, and my dream of one day reaching the PGA Tour is an ongoing process. I became one step closer to making that dream a reality when I committed to play collegiate golf for USC at age 14 ([link: Golfweek article](#)), with Coach Zambri's program being the one that I believe will best prepare me for professional golf, while simultaneously getting an education from a first-rate academic institution.

Since my verbal commitment to USC, I have continued to keep high marks in school as well as play superb golf at a local, regional, and national level. I won my first AJGA open event at the age of 15, before being named the Northern California (JTNC) and Southern California (SCPGA) Junior Player of The Year, back to back, in 2018 and 2019. After signing my National Letter of Intent in November 2019, I am currently slated to play collegiate golf at USC on a half scholarship starting in the fall of 2020, which means that my family and I still have to account for nearly \$40,000 a year in tuition and other fees. I plan on finishing all four years of college and getting my degree before eventually pursuing a career on the PGA Tour, so being selected for one of "The Give" scholarships would be extraordinarily helpful in easing the financial burden for us. Thank you so much for your time and consideration, I would be so grateful and honored if I could be "The Give" Scholar.

Sincerely,

Ethan Chung

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USC Men's Golf signee with PGA Tour aspirations

GOLF ACHIEVEMENTS (Chronological Order)

2019 SCPGA Toyota Tour Cup Player of the Year

2019 SCPGA All Southern California Boys Team

Won 2019 Toyota Tour Cup Championship

Signed National Letter of Intent to play collegiate golf at USC

Won 2019 Toyota Tour Cup Corey Pavin Invitational

Won 2019 Toyota Tour Cup Bear Creek Invitational

2nd at 2019 AJGA PING Heather Farr Classic (tournament record 63 in 1st round)

2018 JTNC Player of the Year ([Well known past winners, 2011 Bryson DeChambeau, 2015 Justin Suh](#))

4th at 2017 AJGA Justin Rose Junior All-Star Invitational

Won 2017 AJGA Project Worldwide Championship (won an AJGA open at age 15)

Verbally Committed to USC at age 14 ([Golfweek article link](#))

4th at 2016 IMG Academy Junior World Championship

3rd at 2016 California Junior Amateur

Won 2013 Oregon Junior Amateur

Five career top-10 finishes at US Kids Golf World Championships

Two career top-4 finishes at IMG Academy Junior World Championships

Ranked as high as #23 in the world by Golfweek Junior Rankings

Ranked as high as #35 in the world by Junior Golf Scoreboard

ACADEMIC/EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

4.5 GPA throughout junior year (Capistrano Connections Academy)

1470 SAT score

Honor Roll fall 2018, spring 2019, fall 2019

4.0 GPA throughout freshman-sophomore year (Cupertino High School)

2018 Cupertino High School Spring Sports Sophomore of the Year

Two-time CCS SCVAL All-League 1st Team (Boys Golf)

Member of National Junior Honor Society (2016)

560,080 lifetime views on golf instructional [YouTube channel](#)