



# Willow Park Charity Golf Classic

*"Alone we can do so little; **together** we can do so much."*  
—Helen Keller—

## 2026 Application

The Willow Park Charity Golf Classic (the Classic) began with a simple idea - a belief in the importance of giving back to the community by supporting worthwhile causes on behalf of the Willow Park Golf & Country Club (Willow Park) and its members.

Since 1988, through the generosity of Willow Park directors and members, and through the support of sponsors, donors, players and volunteers, the Classic has donated over \$13.3 million to Calgary charities. The Recipient Charity receives 100% of the proceeds from cash donations and both live and silent auctions.

The Classic is a two-day golf tournament with 144 players and over 70 volunteers. It is held on the Wednesday and Thursday of the week following the Calgary Stampede. We also host a Sponsors' Appreciation Day on the Tuesday prior to the tournament to thank our generous sponsors for their contribution to the Classic.

The Classic is administered by an Operating Committee (the Committee) comprised of volunteers and certain employees of Willow Park. Each volunteer is responsible for various activities carried out by the Committee.

Thank you for your interest in partnering with us. This application has been developed to ensure we consider each proposal consistently. The information you provide will remain confidential and allows us to evaluate each application against our current mandate in order to make an informed decision. We recognize that there are many worthy causes in our city and we are careful in selecting an organization / project which is compelling to the owners, sponsors, participants, volunteers and the Operating Committee.

This application addresses a set of criteria to assist us with this decision. We look to fund one charity's sustainable initiatives / projects where the funds raised support a one-time requirement and is not allocated to general operational expenses. It is paramount that the selected proposal benefits the Calgary community, and that the organization has the resources & experience to assist, in partnership with the Committee, in the year-long planning and fundraising efforts required to make the Classic a continued success.

If you are unsure you qualify, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are happy to discuss your application and answer any questions you may have.

**Application Deadline:** Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 no later than 5:00PM

**Follow-up Site Visits for Short-Listed Applicants:** Mid-May 2025

**Notification of Selection:** Mid-June 2025

Regards, Lisa Streu, Diana Wennerstrom & Dave Ambedian  
Willow Park Charity Golf Classic Selection Committee  
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**Please note that this document is for information only. If you are interested in applying, please complete the online application form. A link to this form can be found on the Willow Park website.**

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## Requirements:

Since inception, the Classic has funded many different organizations and projects. Throughout the years, we have maintained a set of criteria which we adhere to:

- 1) Support Calgary and area registered charitable organizations.
- 2) Fund sustainable initiatives.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Capital projects.
- Repayment of debt incurred for prior capital spent.
- Multi-year programs / projects.
- Endowments.
- Training programs.
- Other sustainable initiatives that will have a long-term impact.

However, we are open to considering creative initiatives that do not necessarily fit into the categories mentioned above.

- 3) As we seek to make a transformational impact, the proceeds raised during the Classic should represent more than 50% of the total proceeds required to fund the selected initiative.
- 4) The ability of the Recipient Charity to encourage their existing supporters to contribute to the Classic by partially or fully matching proceeds raised during the tournament. Other creative ways to maximize the total proceeds raised would also resonate with our sponsors, players, members, volunteers and the Committee.
- 5) Charities that have been chosen as the Recipient Charity in the last 10 years are not eligible to submit an application.

Planning for the Classic takes 12 months and requires significant time and resources from both the Recipient Charity and the Committee:

- The primary responsibility of the Recipient Charity is to procure items that will be auctioned off during the Classic. Typically, the live auction has 8 to 10? high-value (\$3,000+) items and the silent auction is comprised of approximately 120 items, experiences or packages. The Committee will also help secure items / packages in addition to those procured by the Recipient Charity.
- Representative(s) from the Recipient Charity are expected to attend a monthly meeting to update the Committee on its fundraising progress.
- During the event, representatives from the Recipient Charity will be required to work with our Auction Coordinator to set up the auction room. Also, representatives should be available during all three days of the Classic to network with sponsors, players and volunteers.
- Volunteers are always needed during the three days of the Classic. Willow Park will supply most of the volunteers but more may be required (typically 10 or less).

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## Contact Information:

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media Links: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Organization Information:

Year organization was established: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of full-time staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of your organization (mission, vision and goals):

Describe the services your organization provides and those you impact:

Annual operating budget \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage from Government? \_\_\_\_\_

Current audited financial statement ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you governed or managed by a Board of Directors/Council/Committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(If yes, provide names with roles)

Please describe any information regarding your organization's relationship with the Classic or Willow Park:

Indicate the resources & volunteers your organization can dedicate to work with the Committee to ensure a successful event through ongoing meetings, solicitation of sponsors and auction items and marketing efforts:

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## Initiative Description

Please describe the initiative.

*(include short and long-term benefits)*

How will you complete your project/initiative if your goal amount is not achieved?

Who will benefit from this initiative?

*(be specific, include number of individuals anticipated to be impacted directly or indirectly, geographical areas served and the demographic it will benefit)*

When will this initiative start and end?

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## Fundraising/Sponsorship Information

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What is your total fundraising goal for this initiative?

How much has been raised to date?

How much has been, or will be, secured by government(s)? *(please list)*

Has your organization hosted a golf tournament as part of your fundraising efforts? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
*(if so, please describe)*

Is one planned for 2025? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your organization been the recipient of proceeds from a third-party golf tournament? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
*(if so, please describe)*

Has your organization hosted other fundraising events *(gala, run, dinner, etc.)*? ☐ Yes ☐ No *(please describe your successes)*

Do you have any fundraising events planned prior to the tournament dates? ☐ Yes ☐ No *(please describe and will it impact the WPCGC)*

Is your organization eligible for the Shaw Birdies-for-Kids program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Describe your fundraising / sponsorship team at your organization: *(including staff, Board or other volunteers)*

Funds are primarily raised through corporate sponsorship, live and silent auctions and fund-a-need donations.

- Describe your experiences and avenues in which you plan to identify and secure new major sponsors *(in the \$2,500 to \$50,000 range)*
- Describe your experiences and plans to secure high-value silent and live auction items and packages.

Do you have any additional or unique resources that your team can bring to or leverage through the event? *(i.e., donor matching funds)*

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## Results / Reporting

What will success look like for this initiative / program?

When will you be able to report back on the success of the initiative to the Committee?

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## Recognition

If your organization is successful, how will the Willow Park Charity Golf Classic be recognized? *(Please note, although we appreciate being recognized via social media, a legacy recognition is preferred)*

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## Additional Information

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your organization or this initiative?

If you have any additional essential documents to include, please attach them.