

# Ted Rhodes Foundation

*Preserving the Legacy*

## About Ted Rhodes

Born in 1913 in Nashville, Mr. Rhodes began caddying at the age of 12 at the Belle Meade Country Club and Richland Country Club where African-Americans were not allowed to play. Rhodes fell in love with the game and used a discarded-2 iron to practice in parks and baseball fields.

After serving in WWII, he and Joe Louis, boxing champion, became friends. The champ hired Rhodes as his personal instructor. Ultimately, Rhodes was a mentor and golf teacher to Lee Elder, Althea Gibson, entertainer Billy Eckstine, Joe Louis and many others.

In 1948, Rhodes and other African American Golfers successfully legally challenged the PGA to remove their Caucasians Only rule and allow all people to enter the competition. Rhodes and the other golfers were temporarily successful, but the Caucasians Only clause wasn't officially repealed until 1961.

As a Professional Golfer, Rhodes played in the 1948 U.S. Open, was the winner of six consecutive UGA Tournaments, and won the Negro National Open in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1957. Ted Rhodes passed in 1969. It wasn't until 2009 that Rhodes was posthumously granted membership into the PGA.

In 1997, Tiger Woods stated after winning his first Masters, "I owe so much to Ted Rhodes and other minority golfers who made it possible for me to play. Mr. Rhodes fought courageously and tirelessly, and it was through his efforts and others that our sport is now open to everyone."



**MAKE AN  
IMPACT FOR  
YOUTH  
GOLFERS!**

The Ted Rhodes Foundation, Inc. (TRF) is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.

Your tax-deductible charitable contribution, gift or sponsorship of an event or program ensures that our organization is moving the game of golf forward. TRF provides much needed resources to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) golf teams, junior golfers aspiring to excel in the game of golf, and junior golf programs in urban areas. TRF's youth tournaments support local First Tee programs.

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## Supporting Youth Golf since 1993

10 plus years &  
over 600 youth  
golfers in Youth  
Golf Clinics and  
Tournaments

31 consecutive  
years of the  
Ted Rhodes  
Charity Golf  
Classic

Over 4,000  
TRF Charity Golf  
Classic Adult  
Participants

## Recent TRF Sponsorship Recipients



## Strategic Sponsors of the Ted Rhodes Foundation



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## 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

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*Your gift provides life-changing programs, experiences and opportunities for youth golfers.*

## \$25,000

Underwrite the TRF Future Golfers of America Program "Growing the Champions of Tomorrow" for urban golfers. Five or more urban high school or HBCU golfers will receive a grant for off-season activities such as coaching, golf equipment, summer course fees, tournament fees & travel expenses. At this level, your logo will be featured as a Premiere Sponsor on our website plus at every youth and adult event.

## \$20,000

Sponsor up to 4 of our Youth Golf Clinics & Tournaments with a \$20,000 donation. Across 5 cities, the TRF provides underprivileged youth a free golf clinic taught by a PGA member. Youth Tournament Winners receive additional sponsorship to participate in an American Junior Golf Association Tournament Series event. Your logo will be featured as a Premiere Sponsor on our website plus at all youth events.

## \$15,000

Be a Premiere Sponsor for our adult tournament - The Ted Rhodes Charity Golf Classic held September 6 & 7, 2025 at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course in Nashville, TN. Help us honor Mr. Rhodes' legacy, bring awareness of his journey and support and inspire the next generation of golfers by raising critical funds for HBCU Golf Programs.

## \$10,000

A \$10,000 donation to the TRF helps support growing HBCU Golf Programs with uniforms, golf equipment and travel costs. Our network of HBCU Golf Programs and the Black Golf Coaches Association is waiting for you!

## \$5,000

A \$5,000 donation supports the food, beverage and course operating costs for our adult tournament. In addition to recognition on the TRF website and media, your logo will be featured at our 19th Hole Celebration.

## \$2,500

This donation supports youth and adult tournament expenses. Every \$2,500 sponsor receives their logo on the golf cart for every tournament.

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