

RESOLUTION NUMBER 56
RECOGNIZING THE LARRY L. DENKINS, SR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

WHEREAS, The Golf Foundation of Missouri (GFM) will award the first Larry L. Deskins, Sr. Scholarship to golf camp alumnus, Grant Coleman. Grant is a 2021 graduate of Metro Academic and Classical High School and will be attending college in Chicago this Fall to study Environmental Science; and

WHEREAS, The Larry L. Deskins, Sr. Scholarship was founded in 2020 to honor the late Larry L. Deskins and to recognize his impact on St. Louis. He was the first African American partner at Lewis Rice, a major St. Louis law firm, and a long time GFM board member. He was widely recognized for his work and service; and

WHEREAS, the GFM has a long standing relationship with the City of St. Louis. It has been the home of the GFM since its camp's inception in 2004 at The Highland's Golf Course (formally St. Louis Amateur Athletic Association, aka Triple A); and

WHEREAS, several years ago, City officials acknowledged the GFM's efforts by requesting the GFM to conduct a second 6-week camp for its community youth initiative through its Playtime & Rec program. This relationship affirms the City's commitment to its youth and that the GFM's efforts are having a positive impact on young children in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, The Golf Foundation of Missouri plans to award 1-2 scholarships annually through the Larry L. Deskins, Sr. Scholarship to qualified graduating seniors that have participated in its summer camps through city programs and community partners. The GFM is proud to award this year's scholarship to Grant Coleman; and

WHEREAS, Larry Deskins, Sr. believed in giving back to the community, developing young minds, and that education and hard work are the key to success. He mentored and inspired young African American men and women on the importance of these principles and helped them to expand their minds and pursue their dreams—impactful dreams like those of Grant Coleman; and

WHEREAS, The Golf Foundation of Missouri is a nonprofit organization founded in 2003 whose mission is to “instill life's lessons and values in St. Louis City youth through the game of golf.” In its 17 years of existence, The Golf Foundation of Missouri has raised more than \$1.3 million, served 18,900 free lunches, offered camp to more than 2,500 youth at no cost to the family, donated more than 210 sets of new clubs to deserving youth, changed the lives of hundreds, and the smiles shared are a million and counting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, by the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate The Golf Foundation of Missouri (GFM) upon the awarding of their first Larry L. Deskins, Sr. Scholarships as well as congratulate the awardees. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 9th day of July, 2021 by:
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted the 9th day of July, 2021, as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen