

Greater Birmingham USBC Association, Inc.

Scholarship Award

Greater Birmingham USBC Association, Inc. will award a \$1,500.00 scholarship to an outstanding male or female ninth grader or above. The applicant must be in good standing and active in a Greater Birmingham area league.

The scholarship application must be completed in full. The scholarship application and all supporting items must be submitted together to be considered for this award. Your submission should include:

1. Scholarship Application
2. Academic Information Sheet
3. Most Recent Report Card
4. Community Information Sheet
5. Letters of Recommendation
6. Personal Statement

Mail your completed application and supporting items to:

Greater Birmingham USBC Association, Inc.
Attention: Sara Varnon, Association Manager
526 Cottdale Drive
Hueytown, Alabama 35023

All applications must be postmarked by February 28 of the current year.

The Greater Birmingham USBC Association, Inc. Scholarship Committee will review all valid submitted applications and present their recommendations to the Greater Birmingham USBC Association, Inc. Board of Directors for final approval.

The Scholarship Award winner will be asked to accept their award at the Annual Meeting of the Greater Birmingham USBC Association, Inc.

The winner's application will be forwarded to all other appropriate associations for eligibility to win other scholarships.

All scholarship monies will be awarded through the USBC SMART Program. Scholarships not used in the appropriate time will be awarded back to Greater Birmingham USBC Association, Inc.

Recipient Scholarship Use Policy reprinted from www.bowl.com:

Management: The United States Bowling Congress SMART program is responsible for the management and administration of provider and recipient scholarship funds on deposit with SMART. The management and administration of those funds includes but is not limited to the receipt and recording of deposits, any and all ongoing transactions to the accounts and the approval and disbursement of funds.

Time Parameters: Your scholarship funds are available for six years from the date of your high school graduation, or if you have already graduated from high school, from the date you won the scholarship. The one exception would be if a recipient would enlist in the military, the expiration date is extended by the number of years of the first enlistment period only, i.e.: two-year enlistment, expiration date would be extended by two years. Two years and one year prior to the expiration date, you will receive letters reminding you of your scholarship's expiration date. Your scholarship funds are not transferable; only the original recipient may use the funds.

Use of Funds: Your scholarship funds are approved for the following: tuition fees, textbooks, meal plans, housing plans and required class supplies and equipment necessary for the successful completion of a course or program at universities, colleges, business schools, technical schools, trade schools, vocational schools and continuing education courses. The funds, after final review and approval, only will be paid directly to the institution. The scholarship funds may not be used for the following: transportation expenses (including parking permits), clothing expenses, sport camp/lessons, sports equipment or supplies, private tutor fees and elementary or high school tuition and/or fees.

Disbursement Requests: To request disbursement of your scholarship funds, go online to members.bowl.com/SMART and log into your account. At the bottom of your account page, click "Create Request." Instructions to complete the request are contained in the "Users Guide" located in the upper right side of your account page.

Policy Exception: If you have graduated from high school and do not presently participate or will not participate in college-level varsity sports, you may be granted an exception to this Recipient Scholarship Use Policy. Please contact SMART for those requirements.

Taxes: Your use of these scholarship funds may have certain tax implications. Please read IRS Tax Publication 970 (*Tax Benefits for Education*), contact the IRS or consult a financial advisor for further information. **DO NOT CONTACT SMART WITH TAX QUESTIONS!**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ Male [] Female []
City, State, Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____
Social Security Number: _____ Other Phone: _____

BOWLING INFORMATION

League: _____ Center: _____
League: _____ Center: _____
Number of years you have bowled in youth leagues (including current season): _____
Bowled in the last Youth City Tournament? Yes [] No [] USBC # _____
Bowled in the last Youth State Tournament? Yes [] No [] SSJBA: Yes [] No []

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School: _____ Current Grade: _____
Current G.P.A. _____ (Please include a copy of your most recent report card)
On a separate sheet list your High School Activities including Academic Awards, Athletics, Band, Choir, Clubs, etc.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

On a separate sheet list your Community/Church Activities including Youth Groups, Volunteer Work, etc.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters may be from teachers, counselors, ministers, coaches or friends, but not family members. A maximum of 3 letters may be submitted.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please write a Personal Statement outlining your future plans and goals. Limit your statement to 1 page (front only).

SIGNATURES

I hereby certify that all information provided is accurate and complete.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____