



USBC
United States Bowling Congress

Presents the

GIFT FOR LIFE

\$1,000 Scholarships



Twelve (12) scholarships are awarded annually to USBC Youth members in need of financial help to obtain a college education.



The Gift for Life Scholarships are awarded annually to high school students who offer evidence of financial hardships (see definition below). Scholarships will be awarded to twelve (12) USBC Youth members, six (6) males and six (6) females. The winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship managed through USBC's SMART program. In honor of the September 11th heroes, two of these awards, one to a male and one to a female, are reserved for a son and a daughter of fire/police/emergency rescue personnel.

Please check here if you are a son or a daughter of a fire/police/emergency rescue department employee.

Definition of financial hardship: Candidates will be considered have financial hardships if they reside in households where the number of children, the income level of their parents and any other extenuating circumstances would make obtaining a college education financially unlikely.

Eligibility and Requirements – Applicants must:

1. Be a current USBC Youth member
2. Be a current high school student in grade 9 through 12
3. Have a current GPA of 2.5 or better, based on 4.0 scale
4. Have a financial hardship and fully explain that hardship (see section D)
5. Complete this application
6. Include at least two letters of reference and a school transcript (official or unofficial) with this application (do not send separately)
7. Return the completed application and required documentation by mail, fax or E-mail to arrive at USBC **no later than April 1** to be considered for this year's award.

Feel free to attach any other information or documentation that will support your application. Individuals may apply for and win this scholarship each year they are enrolled in high school.

Please **type or print** your answers to the questions asked in sections B, C and D on a separate sheet of paper. Number your answers (i.e.: B1, B2, C1, etc.). Keep your answers in the order they were asked.

★ Section A ★

Personal Information

1. First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
2. Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
3. Daytime telephone (_____) _____ Evening telephone (_____) _____
4. Birth date _____ E-mail address _____
5. Local USBC association and membership number _____

★ Section B ★
Academic Achievements

1. What is the name of your current high school, your grade level and your expected graduation month and year?
2. List your current grade point average and on what scale it is based.
3. List any AP/Honors courses you are now taking or have completed.
4. List all scholastic honors or awards (i.e. first-place science competition, National Honor Society, etc.).
5. List all extracurricular activities (i.e. school clubs, school volunteer work, class president, newspaper editor, etc.).
6. List any high school sports played and years played.
7. List any activities not covered in the above questions that pertain to your school and/or extracurricular activities.

★ Section C ★
Community Service

1. List all community volunteer activities (church, hospital, local mission, etc.).
2. List other activities such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, USBC Coaching clinics, bowling offices held, etc.
3. List any scholarships you have received by name and amount. If they are managed through SMART, just state SMART and the total amount in your SMART account.
4. List any activities not covered in the above three questions that pertain to your community involvement.

★ Section D ★
Essay

You have two essay options to choose from:

1. In as much detail as possible, write an essay explaining how your financial situation could hinder or stop you from reaching your educational goals. Your essay should include information on your family's annual income, investments, and/or any savings they/you might have. Do not include your family's tax returns or any type of financial reports.

Or

2. Your parents may submit the explanation of your financial hardship situation. If they do so, you must submit an essay on any subject of your choice. Please keep your essay to no more than 500 words and thoroughly check your essay before you submit it. Remember that your financial need will have the greatest bearing on your selection as a scholarship winner.

★ Section E ★
Official Signatures

I certify the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

If you have any questions concerning this form, please call (800) 514-2695, ext. 3168 or e-mail smart@bowl.com.

Applicant Signature & Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

If parent is a Fire/Police/Rescue worker, include Job Title & Employer

Only the winning candidates will be notified directly. The winners' names will be published on www.bowl.com and in other USBC publications.

Send completed application form and all documentation **postmarked no later than April 1** to:

**United States Bowling Congress
SMART Program
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