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# ***KERM HELMER HORIZON AWARD***

## ***“Vision to Bring Dreams to Life”***

### **Award Nomination Form**



Kerm Helmer dedicated his life to the growth and development of youth and collegiate bowling. A physical education teacher for more than 35 years, Helmer initiated men's and women's bowling programs at Erie Community College in Buffalo, N.Y. As a coach, he led the Kats to 15 National Junior College Athletic Association men's titles and 22 NJCAA women's titles. His men's and women's teams each claimed a pair of national titles at what is now known as the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships as well.

A longtime member of the American Bowling Congress/Women's International Bowling Congress Collegiate Committee, Helmer also served several years as the Association of College Unions International Singles Championships

tournament director. A director on the ABC and Young American Bowling Alliance boards from 1986 until his death in 2002, he was YABA president from 1999 to 2001.

The Kerm Helmer Horizon Award was developed in his memory to recognize visionary leadership. The inaugural award was presented to Helmer posthumously in 2003.

**Nominate that special person whose efforts have developed far-reaching national opportunities and programs for collegiate and youth bowlers**



The Kerm Helmer Horizon Award annually recognizes leaders or organizations in the bowling community who have displayed the courage, determination and ability to develop far-reaching programs of national scope that provide fun and exciting opportunities for collegiate and/or youth bowlers. The award recipient receives an expense-paid trip to the awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the USBC Convention in the spring.

This prestigious award is named in honor of Kerm Helmer, the team founder and longtime bowling coach at Erie Community College who also served as a board member, vice-president and president of the Young American Bowling Alliance, a predecessor organization of the USBC. The Kerm Helmer Horizon Award aims to recognize those who exhibit Kerm's enthusiasm, commitment and persistence to turn ideas into reality.

**Eligibility and Requirements:**

1. A person or organization may be nominated for this award.
2. Any person or organization may be a nominator.
3. A nominee cannot be a current USBC board member or USBC association board member, or have been a board member within the last two years.
4. The completed nomination, nomination statement and any supporting documentation must be submitted **no later than November 1** to be considered for this year's award.
5. The form, nomination statement and any supporting documentation may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed (see contact information at the end of this form).

Please **type or print** all answers clearly and fill in all information completely.

**★ Section A ★**  
**Nominator's Information**

1. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_
4. Daytime Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_
5. Affiliation or Relationship with Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

**★ Section B ★**  
**Nominee's Information**

1. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_
4. Daytime Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
5. E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
6. USBC Association Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_
7. Registered Volunteer? If yes, expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ If no, would nominee be willing to register? Yes or No

**★ Section C ★**  
**Why the Nomination?**

Since your nominee will be evaluated solely on the information that you provide, it is very important that you attach a detailed narrative statement describing what your nominee has accomplished to develop far-reaching programs of national scope that provide fun and exciting opportunities for collegiate and/or youth bowlers. If applicable or available, please support your narrative statement by attaching documentation of items such as prior recognition through awards, published articles, letters, etc. Please be as specific as possible.

**★ Section D ★**  
**Nominator Signature**

I certify that the information on this form and in my statement are correct and represents the nominee to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Signature (or of a person from the nominating group)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted

Only the winning nominee and nominator will be notified directly; the winner will be published on [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) and in other USBC publications.

Send completed nomination form and all supporting documentation **no later than November 1** to:

**United States Bowling Congress**  
**SMART Program**  
**5301 South 76th Street**  
**Greendale, Wisconsin 53129**



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