

# **Youth Scholarship Overview**

## **More than 6 Million Dollars Awarded Annually**

A major benefit of youth USBC membership is the opportunity to earn scholarship dollars.

## **7 USBC National Scholarship Applications**

USBC offers a total of 7 scholarships that athletes are eligible to apply for, with some scholarships being awarded to more than one athlete.

## **28 Athletes Awarded National Scholarships**

A total of 28 National Scholarships are awarded to USBC youth members from all across the country.

## **WSUSBC Awards Six \$2,000**

There are six WSUSBC youth members who are graduating seniors that are awarded with \$2,000 scholarships. Some associations also offer scholarships to youth members locally.

## **Easy Way to Increase SMART Funds**

Taking the time to COMPLETE and submit an application gives you the chance to build up those dollars in your SMART account without even having to do any bowling, and usually IT'S FREE! Why wouldn't you want free money for college?

# Applying for USBC Scholarships

USBC is all about giving youth members the chance to earn scholarships, so they make scholarship information easily accessible through their website.

[https://www.bowl.com/Scholarships\\_and\\_Awards/Scholarships\\_and\\_Awards\\_Home/USBC\\_Youth\\_scholarships/](https://www.bowl.com/Scholarships_and_Awards/Scholarships_and_Awards_Home/USBC_Youth_scholarships/)

## How to find scholarships on the website

- Go to Bowl.com
- Go to youth
- Select Scholarships
- This screen will give you general information about the scholarship information
- Below each scholarship title it should say something along the lines of click here to apply
- This will take you the website of the International Bowling Campus – Youth Development
- From there you will need to sign in or create an account
- Here you will be able to access scholarship applications which you are eligible to apply for

## Applying for the scholarships

- This year, USBC transitioned all of their applications to be completed online
- EVERYTHING is done electronically
- Most Scholarship applications will be available August 1<sup>st</sup>, with the deadline not yet posted
- The IBC Youth Committee formatted the application so they are extremely easy to navigate, complete, and submit
- Each scholarship has different standards and requirements, so each application will be different
- You can complete each step of the application in any order you would like
- It will not allow you to submit unless the application is 100% complete
- If you have problems or questions about the application, you can contact the IBC Youth Department through USBC, 800-514-2695, they work very well with their members

## Tips + Tricks

- Start on your application as soon as possible; in other words DO NOT procrastinate!
- Get letters of recommendation from leaders in your bowling community
- In essays, revert back to the USBC Mission
- They like to hear come back stories; discuss struggles or failures and learning experiences
- Even if you don't think you'll get it, APPLY! It's free!

# Applying for WSUSBC Scholarships

WSUSBC annually awards six \$2,000 scholarships to deserving graduating seniors who have completed the application and been selected by the Scholarship Committee to be a recipient of one of the six scholarships awarded.

## How to find scholarships on the website

- Go to wsusbc.net
- Click on home
- Select the Forms box in the drop down menu
- Scroll down and double click on the "Scholarship Application Filable"

## Applying for the Scholarships

- Electronically fill or print out and handwrite the provided scholarship application
- Complete the application entirely, also meaning include all requested materials
- If Under 18, you must include the parental release form
- Forward complete applications to WSUSBC
  - o WSUSBC State Association Manager  
2202 Summit Ave  
Everett, WA 98201-3020
- The due date for the next WSUSBC scholarship application submission will be March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

## Scholarships Awarded

- Joe Weber Scholarship
- Dee Ashby Scholarship
- Bob DeFleming Scholarship
- Michael O'Connor Scholarship
- WSUSBC Scholarship
- Hall of Fame Scholarship

WSUSBC provides one scholarship application to youth members, and selects the recipients of these six scholarships based off that application, Washington State Youth aren't taking advantage of this great chance to earn scholarship money. If you are a graduating senior who meets the requirements, fill out the application from! If you know an eligible senior, encourage them to apply. It is a simple, quick application process, and easy to FULLY complete an application and submit it!

# SMART Money

You know how bowling over the years has earned you SMART Scholarship Money for College? These scholarships do just the same!

- All of the money for these scholarships gets deposited directly into your SMART account
- Instead of bowling for scholarship money, you can fill out an application for it
- If you apply for multiple scholarships over the years and receive some, you will see a huge spike in the amount of money in your SMART account
- SMART attempts to help youth bowlers achieve their educational goals and reach their full potential
- By applying for these scholarships, you can help them help you

## Other Scholarship Opportunities

USBC is not the only chance for youth bowlers to apply for scholarships!

BOWL4LIFE is a non-profit organization founded in 2013.

They provide scholarship opportunities to youth bowlers of all ages.

Keep up to date with their website and social media to learn more about scholarship opportunities that they have going all through the year!

<https://bowl4life.com/>

Typical scholarships are \$1,000-\$2,000

Bowl4Life has awarded over \$35,000 since 2013.

# Frequent Misconceptions

## Only Seniors Can Win Scholarships

**False!** Multiple USBC scholarships are open to grades 9-12, such as: The Dexter/USBC All American Team, USBC Gift for Life Scholarship, USBC Annual ZEB Scholarship (11-12), USBC Youth Ambassador of the Year, Bowl4Life Scholarship. As a student-athlete entering my junior year, I have one 3 national scholarships. It can be done! But the WSUSBC Scholarship is only available to seniors.

## I'm Not Good Enough at Bowling to Win a Scholarship

**False!** USBC Intentionally provides scholarship opportunities that do not consider bowling accomplishments or abilities what so ever, to provide scholarship opportunities to youth members of all skill levels. While others highly consider on-lane accomplishments. The scholarships that don't include bowling performances are: USBC Gift for Life Scholarship, USBC Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship, USBC Annual Zeb Scholarship, Bowl4Life Scholarships.

## My application won't be good enough to win

**False!** You choose how good your application is. At no point in time should you think that this application won't win this. If you think that it might be to hard, you choose how much effort you put in and how you challenge yourself. You have to make the choice to make your application, short answers, resumes, and essays undeniable. Really, it is not a panel of judges who determine your success, it is you.

These just serve as several examples of common misconceptions. I hope this was useful information and that it leads to an increase in application submissions all across the board. If you have any other questions about applying for scholarships, please feel free to contact me. I would love to work more closely with delegates across the state to increase Washington Youth Involvement in applying for scholarships.

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