



# THE 2017 CHUCK PEZZANO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*For Students looking to pursue either a full or part time career writing about the sport of bowling*

The International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) may annually award scholarships named in honor of journalist Chuck Pezzano of Clifton, NJ, a member of the IBMA (formerly Bowling Writers Association of America, BWAA), United States Bowling Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Halls of Fame.

Up to three (3) scholarships per year may be awarded to a senior in high school, college or a vocational student based on the applicant's credentials. Any or all of the funds may, or may not be distributed at the discretion of the committee. A total of \$5,000 will be given to either one individual, or split between no more than three others, each year.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Involvement in the field of communications (to mean all who communicate with words and images), for example: writers, journalists, television, radio or web broadcasters, public relations or publicity directors, graphic artists, copy writers, as well as photo journalists, illustrators and cartoonists.
- Maintain a minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA or equivalent
- Participate in the sport of bowling, although bowling skills are NOT a requisite
- May not have exceeded their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year of the award
- Include at least one letter of reference
- Write a titled essay not to exceed 1,000 words
- Include a copy of school transcript with the application

Please **do not** include stories, articles or press clippings that may have been written about you.

Type or print clearly all answers. Fill in all information completely. Use a blank sheet of paper if necessary.

Complete this form and return it postmarked no later than April 30.

## **Section A – Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State/Prov: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Web: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Major (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B – Education**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ High School    \_\_\_\_ College    \_\_\_\_ Vocational    \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

GPA/Scale \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Honors \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section C – Bowling Information**

Do you currently bowl in a USBC Certified league or tournament program?    \_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No

List your two most significant bowling accomplishments or performances, including date and place:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D – Communication Skills**

Please attach an essay of 1,000 words or less about bowling. You may write about any bowling topic you choose, about yourself, or a friend, or teammate or event. Also, include a few copies of anything you may have written for your school paper or yearbook, your bowling center, local newspaper, blog. Website. Include any other samples of your work.

**Section E - Official Signatures**

_____ Signature of applicant	_____ date
_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian (If under age of 18)	_____ date
_____ Signature of USBC Coach or Association Manager	_____ date

**Section F – Publicity**

Please supply email addresses for any of your local newspapers or bowling publications. In the event you are a winner, the committee will supply your local publications with a press release.

Publication \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return this to the Chairman no later than April 30.**

Remit to:

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or mail to IBMA Membership, 621 Six Flags Drive,  
Arlington, TX 76011