

**MIKE EATON SR.**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Greater Grand Rapids USBC is ADMINISTERING a scholarship established by the Eaton Family in the amount of \$2,000 to be given away this year. This scholarship will be awarded at the Grand Rapids USBC Youth banquet, date to be determined in 2026.

**ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior or collegiate bowler.
2. The applicant must plan on attending an institution of higher learning and planning on being a collegiate bowler.
3. The applicant must be a GRGRUSBC sanctioned (Certified) bowler in the current season with unimpaired amateur status.
4. The application form and attached forms must be postmarked by April 15, 2026.
5. The scholarship may be received only once during their involvement in youth or collegiate bowling.
6. The scholarship must be used by the recipient's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday or he/she may forfeit the money and it will be returned to the scholarship account.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

1. Return your completed application forms and essay to the scholarship committee.
2. For high schoolers, have your school officials or counselor send a transcript of your last seven semesters to the scholarship chairperson. This means from grades 9<sup>th</sup> through the first semester in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For collegiate bowlers, request your school to send an official transcript to the scholarship chairperson.
3. References may include Bowling coach, teacher, counselor, employer, minister, etc. (They may NOT include relatives.)
4. Any use of AI in this application will be cause for immediate disqualification.

## **JUDGING:**

Judging will be based on the following areas and verified by a panel of judges and the family.

- A. Bowling contributions
- B. Scholastics
- C. Outside activities
- D. Essay
- E. References

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF AWARDS:**

The scholarship winners will be notified by mail with an invitation to the Greater Grand Rapids Youth Awards banquet, date to be determined in 2026.

Request for scholarship money must be requested 30 days prior to the students' need and the money will be sent to the accredited institution of choice in the joint name with the student. At no time can the money be given to the student or their parent(s).

Please return to: Mike Eaton Sr. Scholarship  
c/o Greater Grand Rapids USBC Association  
2405-A Porter SW  
Wyoming, MI 49519

**MIKE EATON SR. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(To be completed by the application)

NAME

ADDRESS/PHONE

USBC CERTIFICATION #

DATE OF BIRTH AGE

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIANS(S) (Full Name)

ADDRESS/PHONE

CITY STATE ZIP

**BOWLING INFORMATION**

How long have you been in a USBC Youth program and/or participated in collegiate bowling? Current year is year 1.

Answer the following (Please use a separate sheet(s) of paper):

What does bowling mean to you?

What tournaments outside of your typical league or school events have you participated in? (Examples include but are not limited to Junior Gold, MJMA, GLJGT, NWIJTPA, City/State tournament, Masters, Queens, Fight Club, etc.) How would you rate your success?

What was your worst bowling experience, how did you overcome it, and what did you learn from it?

What do you know about Mike Eaton Sr. and his involvement with bowling?

## **ESSAY**

“Passion means showing up even on days you don’t feel like it”

“You don’t chase passion, you build it with consistency”

“The difference between good and great is how much you care when nobody’s watching”

Mike Eaton lived by, repeated, and taught these quotes to his athletes and others. Include with your application a handwritten (in black ink) or typed essay describing what passion means to you and how it has molded you into the person you are today. How will this passion affect your future as a collegiate bowler?

Please Note: All essays will be run through an AI detector. If it is found that you have used AI in ANY portion of your application, you will be disqualified, and all other USBC scholarship committees will be notified.

**DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2026**

**MIKE EATON SR. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR COUNSELOR DATE SHEET**

APPLICANT'S NAME

ADDRESS CITY ZIP

NAME OF OFFICIAL OR COUNSELOR TITLE

SCHOOL ADDRESS/PHONE

Official or counselor: Please complete this sheet to enable the above student to apply for a scholarship from the Eaton scholarship fund. All answers will be kept confidential. Please mail the completed sheet along with a copy of the students' transcript to the Eaton Scholarship Committee, c/o Greater Grand Rapids USBC Association, 2403-A Porter SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.

Grade Point Average

SAT Score

Attendance record at school

General attitude toward classmates and teachers

Activities in school besides classroom work (sports, band, drama, etc.)

Any additional remarks you think would be helpful in evaluating this student:

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Signature of School Official

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Date

Please return at:

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Wyoming, MI 49519

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## COACHES EVALUATION & DATE SHEET

APPLICANTS NAME

ADDRESS CITY ZIP

NAME OF COACH/PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS CITY ZIP

1. Number of year's applicant has bowled in Jr. Leagues, on a high school team, and/or on a collegiate team (current season is one).
2. Does applicant know how to keep score?
3. Does applicant observe bowling etiquette and sportsmanship?
4. Does applicant observe league and center rules?
5. Does applicant set a good example for other bowlers?
6. Does applicant assist teammates?
7. Has the applicant participated in other tournaments besides league and school sponsored events?

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

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Signature of Coach

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Date

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## REFERENCE REQUEST

NAME OF APPLICANT

NAME OF REFERENCE

Check one: Bowling Coach      Teacher/Counselor      Other

The above applicant is applying for a scholarship through the Greater Grand Rapids USBC Youth Association. Would you please help us by giving us your evaluation and the merits of this individual? All responses will be kept confidential.

REFERENCES MUST BE MAILED TO AND RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2026.

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Signature

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Date

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