Brandon W. Smith Scholarship Application

Thank you for applying for a scholarship from the Brandon W. Smith Foundation. Please read this entire packet before beginning. *Deadlines* and *other requirements* listed in this application are firm, so please plan ahead. **Late applications will *NOT* be accepted. There will be *no exceptions*. Only typed or neatly written applications will be accepted.**

When completed, please submit the entire Application packet to *ursulamcd@optonline.net.*

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| **Contact Information** | |
| Name: |  |
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Please list any clubs, societies or organizations that you belong to that you want us to know about (e.g. Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, National Honor Society)

Please list achievements that you think are relevant to this application (e.g. including but not limited to: Black Belt, Eagle Scout)

Volunteer Work performed (Summary). If required, attach an additional page:

I understand that this application will only be valid if turned in on time or I forfeit my chance of being considered for a BWS Scholarship. **I understand that this application is not valid without my signature, the signatures of my parent and the required recommendation letters.**

I certify that I have reviewed the information included in this scholarship application, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information is true and correct.

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Student's Signature Date x\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature Date

Contact: The Brandon W. Smith Foundation, at [brandonwsmithfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:brandonwsmithfoundation@gmail.com), if you have any questions or concerns.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Type your responses.

* Accuracy, neatness, legibility, and following instructions are critical. \*If you need extra space, attach an additional sheet.
* Feel free to duplicate this application on your personal computer.
* Letters of recommendation must be received by the application deadline
* Late applications will *NOT* be accepted under any circumstances.

Requirements:

* Candidates will be required to complete an essay.

The essay should reflect their community service, participation in bowling, leadership and sportsmanship.

Or

The candidate can share with us a personal story about a challenge that they have encountered in their life

* Two letters of recommendation will be required. The letters must come from a coach, school, employer, a religious organization, a volunteer organization or a youth organization. Both letters must not be from the same type of reference.
* A candidate’s participation in BWSF events will be considered

*Plan to submit early so we can alert you to any missing documentation. We will alert you if you are missing any supporting documentation 2 weeks prior to the due date.*

1. Eligibility for the BWSF scholarships:

a. Candidates must be High School Seniors or Juniors.

b. Candidates must plan on attending an accredited post-secondary school.

c. Relatives of candidates may not participate in the selection process.

d. Candidates must reside in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland or Westchester County (New York State Section 1) and currently bowl in a High School or a USBC sanctioned league.

e. Previous winners are not eligible.

2. Process for determining scholarship winners:

a. Application deadline is March 1st

b. Candidates will be required to complete an application.

c. A Scholarship Selection committee will determine the scholarship winners. The BWSF Board of Directors will vote to approve or reject the list of winners and scholarship amounts.

d. Candidates will evaluated based on application, essay and letters of recommendation

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g. A candidate’s participation in BWSF events will be considered

h. Financial need will not be a factor.

i. The scholarship selection committee will consist of at least three members and may consist of both BWSF board members and non-members.

3. Scholarships:

a. The number of scholarships awarded annually will be determined by the BWSF Board of Directors.

b. The amount of each scholarship will be a minimum of $500. The amount of each award will be determined by the BWSF Board of Directors.

c. Scholarship funds will be deposited into the recipient’s SMART account. If a winner does not have a SMART account, one will be set up for him/her.

d. Winners will be announced on or about May 15th. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual BWSF awards picnic in June.