

# All Star Lanes – Baton Rouge

Presents

## The Mike LaCroix Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Mike LaCroix (April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1957 – September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)

Mike LaCroix - General Manager of All Star Lanes (BR) from 2006-2021 - was instrumental in building the youth program at All Star Lanes, in Baton Rouge and around the state. He was a huge supporter of high school bowling, youth tournaments and providing a safe environment for youth to strive. He believed that the only way the sport of bowling will survive is investing in the youth today. Mike was a youth bowler himself and joined the US Navy directly out of high school where he served for 25 years.

We are looking for youth bowlers who will honor Mike's memory and benefit from the path he has paved either through a traditional university path, trade school or through the military.

### Qualifications

- Nominee must currently be in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of application deadline.
- Nominee must be a current or past youth bowler of All Star Lanes-Baton Rouge:

Must have bowled:

- 1) At least 72 league games at All Star Lanes (anytime from 2006-2022). Games must be USBC verified.
- 2) At least 45 league games at All Star Lanes in the last 2 years.
- 3) Currently bowling in a league at All Star Lanes plus bowl for a high school team.

### Scholarship

- **Up to four \$500 scholarships will be awarded.** Funds will be submitted to winner's USBC SMART Account. However, if scholarship recipient plans to enroll in any branch of the US military - then a **\$500 US Savings Bond** will be awarded upon enlisting.
- A special \$250 scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with the best Youth League/Tournament idea. This scholarship is considered a separate award and will be awarded based on its own merit.  
(See essay details)
  - Scholarships funds are available for six years from the date of your high school graduation.
  - Scholarships will be decided by a 3rd party committee and not by All Star Lanes (BR) employees.

### Procedures

- Nominees must submit a completed application by no later than **Tuesday May 8th, 2023.**  
(No exceptions)
  - Completed applications should be emailed to [kbogan@allstarlanesbr.com](mailto:kbogan@allstarlanesbr.com).
- Scholarships will be awarded at the League Appreciation Tournament on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Recipients will be notified in advance.

## **Selection Rules**

Selection of winners will be based on academic standing, bowling involvement, written essay, creative league/tournament proposal and leadership qualities.

Applicants will be rated as follows:

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| • Academics                               | 1-20 points |
| • Bowling Involvement                     | 1-20 points |
| • Community/Civic Involvement             | 1-5 points  |
| • Essays                                  | 1-30 points |
| • Create Your Own Youth League/Tournament | 1-20 points |

## **Instructions to Applicant**

- Fill out application completely. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
- Have school verify accumulative GPA and turn in copy of last report card.
  - Deadline for application is Tuesday May 8th, 2023.
- E-mail application to [kbogan@allstarlanesbr.com](mailto:kbogan@allstarlanesbr.com). A confirmation will be e-mailed to you verifying receipt of application. If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours, please confirm application was received.
- Any questions may be directed to Kim Bogan at All Star Lanes – Baton Rouge at (225) 924-0124.
  - Scholarship will be awarded May 14th, 2023 during the League Appreciation Tournament.

**All Star Lanes – Baton Rouge  
Mike LaCroix Memorial Scholarship**

**Section 1 - General Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone #1 (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 of Social Security \_\_\_\_\_ (for SMART identification only)

Parent(s)/Legal Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2 - Academics**

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Accumulative Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_ Unweighted \_\_\_\_

Name of guidance counselor to confirm \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach current report card)

Are you in any Honor/AP classes? Yes (    ) No (    )

If yes, please list (additional pages may be attached):

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Accumulative ACT Score \_\_\_\_

If you have not taken the ACT score, when do plan to take it?

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School activities and offices held (additional pages may be attached):

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Which institution(s) would you like to attend (If you intend to enlist, please skip to Military section below):

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Have you applied to any schools yet? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, have you been accepted? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, please list (additional pages may be attached):

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What area(s) are you interested in studying (additional pages may be attached):

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Have you been awarded any other scholarships? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, please name award and amount (additional pages may be attached):

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If you are in the Grand Prix Program just estimate amount earned so far: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Military**

Do you plan to enlist in the military? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, when do you plan on enlisting: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, please skip Military questions.

Which branch(es) are you interested in?

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Have you taken the ASVAB? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, what was your score: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 - Bowling Involvement**

**Bowling Involvement**

USBC # \_\_\_\_\_

List the leagues you have bowled in:  
(If you bowled in a league outside of the Baton Rouge Association please specify)  
(A list from bowl.com can be printed and attached)

<u>Year</u>	<u>League(s)</u>	<u>Average(s)</u>
2021-22	_____	_____
2020-21	_____	_____
2019-20	_____	_____
2018-19	_____	_____
2017-18	_____	_____
2016-17	_____	_____
2015-16	_____	_____
2014-15	_____	_____

Please list any accomplishments in bowling you have achieved. Examples: Placing in a tournament, high series award, perfect attendance in league, qualifying for a tournament, making your high school team, etc.  
(additional pages may be attached):

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Does your high school currently have a varsity bowling team? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, do you bowl on your school's bowling team? Yes ( ) No ( )

Do you plan to bowl collegiately? Yes ( ) No ( )

Do you plan to continue bowling after high school graduation? Yes ( ) No ( )

## Section 4 - Community Involvement

Community involvement and awards won outside of school projects (additional pages may be attached):

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## Section 5 - Essays

### **Short Essay About You**

(Attach essay, 100 words or less)

Please tell us about yourself and why you're deserving of this scholarship. A few examples could include personal interests, family, goals, dreams, etc.

What makes you, you?

**(This must be completed)**

### **Please Answer 1 of the following Questions**

(Attach essay, Min 75 words - Max 250 words)

1. Tell us about an adversity in your life and how you have overcome it.
2. Describe what you view the perfect future for yourself would be.
3. If you could tell your-elementary or middle school-self anything to make high school better, what would you tell yourself?

### **Please Answer 1 of the following Questions**

(Attach essay, Min 75 words - Max 250 words)

1. Tell us how bowling has impacted your life.
2. Describe your favorite bowling experience.
3. Write a letter to an elementary or middle school student describing why they should pick up the sport of bowling.

## Section 6 - Create a Youth League or Tournament

Mike was a master of thinking outside the box, especially when it came to concepts for new leagues and tournaments. So let's be just as creative and have some fun!

Below are some ideas/guidelines to follow while creating your perfect league or tournament. It must be geared towards youth or adult/youth bowling. Consider consulting coaches, employees at your home center, other bowlers or anyone who may help you think outside the box.

Here are some ideas to consider, but not mandatory:

- Is it scratch or handicap?
- Is it a fun or serious league/tournament?
- If tournament - Is it singles, doubles, team or a combination?
  - Is there a qualifier?
  - How do the finals work?
- If league - How many members on a team?
  - Is there a playoff?
  - How many position rounds?
  - How many weeks?
- What is the prize fund (scholarship or trophies, etc)?
  - What is the cost?

Who knows, the winner might see his/her league or tournament concept put into action at All Star Lanes (BR) during the 2023-24 season!!!

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Please submit a copy of last report card.

**Deadline to submit application is Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**