



2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Guidance Counselor,

I just wanted to give you a little introduction about the **South Jersey Bass Club Association (SJBCA)**

This association is made up of **Twenty-one** bass fishing clubs and organizations from **southern & central New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania**. The primary purposes of the **SJBCA** are to help prevent tournament conflicts (two clubs fishing the same body of water on the same day), to promote the sport of bass fishing, and to serve as the South Jersey bass fishermen's voice to government agencies.

As a not-for-profit organization, we raise money to support various community activities and fishing events. Each year, if applicants are available, the South Jersey Bass Club Association will grant one eligible high school student a **\$500.00 college scholarship**. Among other qualifications, the applicant must be a high school senior who is entering college upon graduating from high school and will be pursuing a degree in **fisheries management, environmental science or another related field that may benefit fishermen. (i.e. Conservation officer, Biological Sciences, Green acres studies, and the preservation of outdoor activities)**

We are attaching an application and application guidelines with this letter. Please feel free to distribute it to any student that may be interested in the scholarship.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Al Franchetta, Secretary, SJBCA, <http://www.sjbca.org/scholguid.htm>

Rashawn "BN06" Lewis, SJBCA President & Scholarship Chair-person, www.sjbca.org
South Jersey Hook This!, President, www.southjerseyhookthis.com
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South Jersey Bass Club Association

2024 Carmen Bersani Memorial College Scholarship Program

Application Guidelines

Each year, if applicants are available, the South Jersey Bass Club Association will grant one eligible high school student a college scholarship. Following are the guidelines for this program:

1. The scholarship will be in the amount of **\$500.00**.
2. The scholarship money can be spent on any college expenses.
3. The applicant must be a **high school senior** who is entering college upon graduating from high school and will be pursuing a degree in fisheries management, environmental science, biological sciences, conservation officer, green acres studies, or another related field that may benefit fishermen.
4. The applicant must reside in **New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Delaware**.
5. The applicant must provide all required application materials to the SJBCA Scholarship Committee for review by **May 1, 2024** (must be postmarked by April 30th, 2024).
6. Application materials will consist of:
 - a completed application form,
 - a transcript of high school grades,
 - a statement from the applicant describing his/her interest in the outdoors and future plans in their chosen field of study (minimum of 200 words), and
 - a letter of recommendation from one of his/her high school teachers.These materials may be submitted separately as long as they all clearly identify the applicant.
7. The SJBCA Scholarship Committee will review the application materials submitted by all applicants and, using a criteria of its own choosing (i.e. 1- Academic achievement, 2- Intended Major\Minor of Study, 3- Written Essay, 4- Recommendation letter, 5- Overall Score on a 5 point scale) select a winner of the scholarship. These criteria will include, but not necessarily be limited to, scholastic achievement, citizenship, and interest in pursuing a career in an outdoor-related field that may benefit fishermen. The Committee reserves the right to not select a winner if no applications are received or if all applicants are deemed to be not qualified or deserving.
8. An announcement of the scholarship winner will be made by **June 3, 2024**, with payment (made directly to the applicant) and the awarding of a certificate to follow soon after that date. ***The winner understands that his or her name and photograph may be used in future publicity for the SJBCA.***
9. The SJBCA Scholarship Committee reserves the right to follow up with the winner and/or winner's family at a later date to determine the winner's current student status.

These guidelines were proposed by the original SJBCA Scholarship Committee (Carmen Bersani, Fred Lentz, and Greg Lentz) in July, 2004, and approved by the general membership in September, 2004.

(Guidelines last updated: 02/02/2024)

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Student Application

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Home Phone Number: (_____) _____

High School: _____

Graduation Date (mm/yr): ____/____

Extra-Curricular & Community Activities You Have Participated in During Your High School Years: _____

Name of College Planning to Attend: _____

Planned Major/Degree Program: _____

I certify that the above information is accurate and truthful, to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

This fully completed application form, along with the other required application materials, must be submitted to SJBCA Scholarship Committee by May 1, 2024 (must be postmarked by April 30th, 2024). Materials may be mailed to:

Rashawn Lewis, 20 Crawford Drive, Sicklerville, NJ 08081.

The winner will be notified by June 3, 2024 with payment and presentation of certificate to follow soon after that date.

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