

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Scholarship Program

Purpose

The Alabama Baseball Coaches Association (ALABCA) wants to assist 2024 student-athletes, who attended any 2023 ALABCA Regional Workout, Showcase or participated in the 2023 High School Upperclassmen All-Star Event or on Team Alabama, with their college expenses during their first year of college. The scholarships are a cash value worth \$1,500 and are available for the recipient's freshman year only. The \$1,500 awards will be given in the form of a check written directly to the college the recipient attends to help cover tuition and/or the cost of books. If both of these are already paid for by another scholarship, the money will be used to help pay for the recipient's housing and/or living expenses. If this is also paid for by other award money, the ALABCA will decide how to award the money to the recipient so that it will be most beneficial to the recipient in his first year of college. The recipient may apply the scholarship only to costs associated with their college's academic expenses first or housing expenses second. Recipients may choose to use their scholarship for a college in-state or out-of-state. After the scholarship recipients have been chosen, their packets will be sent to the Scholarship Advisory Committee, where they will choose the ALABCA Student-Athlete-of-the-Year, and will award them the "Joe Mason Scholarship." The Student-Athlete-of-the-Year will have an extra \$500 added to their \$1,500 scholarship, for their total scholarship to be valued at \$2,000. The ALABCA's budget will determine how many scholarships will be awarded. On an average year six scholarships are awarded.

Who may apply for a Scholarship?

- * Any AHSAA, AISA or Home Schooled 2024 Senior who attended any of the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association's 2023 Events listed above.
- * These applicants high school coaches must be a 2022 - 2023 ALABCA member. See our Membership Link on our web-site at www.alabca.org. If he isn't a member when you apply he may still join.

A completed application consists of:

- 1) A typed completed application form.
- 2) A copy of the applicant's high school transcript.
- 3) An essay entitled "Why I should receive an ALABCA Scholarship" from the applicant.
It must be typed and should be two pages maximum in length.
- 4) A one-page letter of recommendation from the applicant's:
 - * High School Head Baseball Coach
 - * High School Guidance Counselor(Letters of recommendation may be sent directly to the ALABCA by the person writing it, or they may be included in the applicants' packet)
- 5) The applicant's high school coach must be a 2022 - 2023 member of the ALABCA.
- 6) Fully completed applications may be emailed to: barrydean@alabca.org, or mailed to the address below.

All applicants Completed Packets must be received by Friday, September 22, 2023, for applicants to be considered for a scholarship. All applicants will be notified by mail that their application has been received and whether or not it is complete. Scholarship recipients will be notified by phone by the first week of November. Scholarship recipients and their parents will be honored and recognized in an on-field ceremony for their achievement May 15, 2024, during game 2 of the AHSAA 7A Championship Series. They'll also enjoy free food & drinks provided by the ALABCA, while watching the game from a suite.

Send the application packet to: Alabama Baseball Coaches Association
Scholarship Applicant
P.O. Box 1422
Wetumpka, Alabama 36092

The Scholarship Application may be scanned in full and emailed to: barrydean@alabca.org. Please text Barry Dean at 334-676-0434 and let him know you're doing this. Thank you.

- * If the applicant is being recruited by an NCAA Division I or II College / University he must inform the head coach of that institution that he has applied for our scholarship. If the applicant is awarded our \$2,000 or \$1,500 scholarship it would count toward the NCAA Division I 11.7 or Division II 9.0 baseball scholarship equivalency. Same in Community College in some cases.
- * The scholarship must be used during the 2024 – 2025 school year. The scholarship becomes void should the student-athlete sign a professional contract in any sport.