



# Mike Borg Memorial Scholarship

## USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports

### BACKGROUND

The Mike Borg Memorial Scholarship was established in the memory of USAYESS Co-Founder and long time President, Mike Borg. Mike had a passion for youth shooting sports and was always working on new ideas to engage youth and enhance the youth experience in shotgun shooting sports. His energy and personality still resonate strongly within USAYESS. Mike Borg passed away in the Summer of 2020 following complications from an ATV accident.

### PURPOSE

To keep Mike Borg's memory forefront and to continue the work Mike started, USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports (USAYESS) is proud to offer the Mike Borg Memorial scholarship to USAYESS high school junior and senior members.

### AWARD

Scholarship Range: \$1,000+

Number of Awards: Minimum of 1 per year

### ELIGIBILITY

- USAYESS high school junior and senior members advancing into a degree-seeking program who are not full-time employees at the institution are eligible for this award.
- Applicant must have participated in USAYESS for at least one full year prior to applying and competed in their state championship, Regional championship, and National Championship.
- Applicants must be in good standing with their High School and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

### CRITERIA

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

- Scholastic ability
- Personal character
- Have demonstrated leadership experience and involvement in their USAYESS team
- Demonstrate a commitment to succeed
- Demonstrate a "Mike-like" attitude in their shooting and education

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must complete all components of the application.
- Applicant must submit a personal essay, written by the applicant, addressing (in 500-2,500 words):
  - Evidence that the applicant meets the criteria identified for this specific scholarship
  - Why USAYESS should consider the applicant for this scholarship
  - Why shotgun shooting sports is important to the applicant
  - How the applicant got started in shotgun shooting sports
  - What the applicant's course of study will be, and what led them to this course of study
  - Applicant's goals and plans are after college
  - Attention will be given to the essay's structure and grammar
- Applicant must submit a current high school transcript
- Applicant must submit three letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, one from a coach, one from a community member (Community member cannot be a family member)
- Applicant is asked to submit a professional, hi-resolution photo (headshots only) – you may submit a high school senior graduation photo.

### SELECTION

Electronic notification will be sent to confirm award submissions have been received. A confidential National Scholarships Committee, appointed annually by the USAYESS Board of Directors, will review materials to make the selection. One recipient will be chosen, unless otherwise noted for the specific award. One physical award will be given to the recipient, who will be recognized during the awards ceremony at the National Junior Clay Target Championships and in subsequent publications.

Application Deadline:  
December 31, 2025

To be awarded:  
During USAYESS National  
Championships, in June  
2026

The winning applicant  
must be able to travel to  
San Antonio, TX, for the  
2026 USAYESS National  
Championships to receive  
the scholarship

### To Complete This Application, You Must:

1. Complete the attached application. All components must be completed. Use a blank sheet of paper if more space is needed for any of the questions.
2. Send with this completed application a personal essay.
  1. Must be written by the applicant.
  2. Must be greater than 500 words, but not greater than 2,500 words.
  3. Must be typed, using a font size between 10 and 12 pt, and Double Spaced.
  4. Attention will be given to the essays structure, grammar, spelling and punctuation.
  5. Must show evidence that the applicant meets the criteria identified for this specific scholarship
  6. Must explain why USAYESS should consider the applicant for this scholarship
  7. Must demonstrate why shotgun shooting sports is important to the applicant
  8. Must demonstrate how the applicant got started in shotgun shooting sports
  9. Must outline what the applicant's course of study will be, and what led them to this course of study
  10. Must outline what the Applicants goals and plans are after college
3. Send, or have sent, to USAYESS a certified transcript.
4. Send, or have sent, to USAYESS three (3) letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, one from a coach, one from a community member (Community member cannot be a family member)
5. Applicant is asked to submit a professional, hi-resolution photo (headshots only) – you may submit a high school senior graduation photo. The photo will be used for promotional purposes. Be sure to send one that gives a full view of your face with a pleasant expression. Don't send a photo of yourself wearing a hat or sunglasses, and don't send a picture with other people in it. Photos will not be returned to you.
6. Send all items to the following address. All items must be received by December 31, 2025.

USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports  
ATTN: Mike Borg Memorial Scholarship  
PO Box 842  
Pleasant Grove, UT 84062-0842

## General Information

Applicants First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

USAYESS Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Education Information

College/University Applicant will attend \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number (leave blank if you have not yet been assigned one) \_\_\_\_\_

Department and Major (If undecided, list what studies might interest you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Department Address (or put "Unknown") \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Expected \_\_\_\_\_

What high school are you attending (or just graduation from): \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

What was your grade point average last semester (A=4.0)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your cumulative grade point average (A=4.0)? \_\_\_\_\_

Current and Past School Activities and Honors:

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### Community Service and Activities

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### Employment History (if any)

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### Optional: Hometown Newspaper – Name and Address

(This information will be used to send an announcement of the award to your local newspaper)

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### Application Statement

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate, and I understand that false statements on this application will disqualify me from the scholarship.

I, (please print name) \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for any college or school to release to USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports any information necessary to process my application for this Scholarship.

I agree that if selected as the winner of the Mike Borg Memorial Scholarship, I must be present at the 2026 National Championships in San Antonio, TX to receive the scholarship.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_