

2024

American Birding Association's Young Birder Community Scholarships



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Application Information

The American Birding Association (ABA) is providing full scholarships to help Black, Indigenous, or People of Color attend one of ABA's Young Birder Camps. These full scholarships include camp tuition, a \$500 travel stipend to assist with travel related expenses to and from camp, and a one-year ABA membership. Funds for these scholarships come from generous donations made by the ABA membership and fundraising initiatives.

Application Instructions

1. **Scholarship Application Form** - Complete and include the application form with your essay.
2. **Essay** - Write an essay telling us about the importance that birds and the birding community have in your life. Be sure to include information about why you want to attend an ABA Young Birder Camp and what receiving the scholarship would mean to you in the essay. Your essay should be typed in 12 point font and no more than two pages in length.
3. **Letter of Recommendation Form** - A letter of recommendation is required. The Letter of Recommendation Form can be completed by a teacher, mentor, or bird club committee member that should advocate what they know about your interest in birding and why you are a strong candidate to receive this scholarship.

Your completed application form, essay, and letters of recommendation must be postmarked or emailed by **January 1, 2024**. Scholarship awardee announcements will be made by **February 1, 2024**.

Email (preferred)

Scholarships@aba.org
Subject: 2024 ABA Scholarship Application

Mailing Address

American Birding Association
Youth Birding Scholarships
PO Box 1214
Cape May, NJ 08204

ABA Scholarship recipients are required to write a one page report or reflective essay within one month after the event concludes to help us thank the sponsors and donors that support the scholarship program.

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ABA Young Birder Camp Choice

This special ABA Scholarship includes camp tuition, a \$500 travel stipend to attend an ABA camp session, and a one-year ABA Membership. Please select your choice below.

Camp Colorado
Allenspark, Colorado
June 23-30, 2024

**ABA Adventure
at Acadia National Park**
*Includes 1 adult and 1 child
July 7-12, 2024

Camp Delaware Bay
Cape May, NJ to Coastal Delaware
August 1-8, 2024

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Applicant Information

Your Name: _____ ABA Membership #: Complimentary Membership

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Gender: Male Female Other

Age as of January 1, 2024: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address (if different from applicant):

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Please check the box that most closely describes your family's annual household income.

Under \$30,000

\$70,001 - \$90,000

\$30,001 - \$50,000

Over \$90,000

\$50,001 - \$70,000

Are there any special financial or other circumstances that you would like us to consider when reviewing your application? If yes, please explain in an accompanying letter. (All information you provide is confidential.)

Your Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Return all application materials by January 1, 2024
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Letter of Recommendation Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please attach your letter of recommendation to this form and return it to the ABA
by **January 1, 2024**.

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