



ABA generally awards scholarships up to \$500.00, as funding allows, but in some exceptional circumstances, ABA may award more if we see a case with special need. The best way to increase your chances of receiving an ABA scholarship is to demonstrate your dedication to birds and creatively designing ways you can raise the matching half of your scholarship.

**Some examples that young birders can do to earn matching funds are:**

- Make goods that you can sell (T-shirts, note cards, bird photography or illustration prints, etc.)
- Approach a local bird club, garden club or similar organization for additional scholarship funds or sponsorship. In return you could offer to give a presentation following the event and/or contribute to their newsletter.
- Offer to lead a bird walk for a local birding group or club.

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Your completed application form, essay, and letter 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: \$\$\$ Scholarship Application

**Mailing Address**

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**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.**

2024

# American Birding Association's Financial Aid



young birder  
camps

## Your Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:      Male                  Female                  Other

ABA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January 1, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

List your five greatest achievements to date. These need not be bird related. (Use a separate page if needed.)

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from yours):

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Camp/Event Information

Name of event for which you are applying for a scholarship.

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Hosting Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Tuition/Event Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Budget: Costs

Travel	\$
Attendance Fee	\$
Room & Board (if separate)	\$
Other Costs (please detail on back of this page)	\$
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Your Budget: Funding Sources

Parents/Relatives	\$
Local Bird Club	\$
Your Own Activities	\$
Other Sources (please detail on back of this page)	\$
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Amount Requested from ABA:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (up to \$500.00)

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

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$30,000      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001 - \$90,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$90,000       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$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** to:

Scholarships@aba.org

Subject: 2024 Scholarship Application

American Birding Association  
 Youth Birding Scholarships  
 PO Box 3070  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80934

**2023**

**American Birding Association's  
Young Birder Scholarship Application**



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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, 2023**.

**Email (preferred)**  
Scholarships@aba.org

**Mailing Address**  
American Birding Association  
Attention: Youth Birding Scholarships  
93 Clinton Street #744  
Delaware City, DE 19706