

## Johnny Petraglia PBA Bowl4Life Scholarship Press Release

Monday, September 25, 2023

Applications are now available for the Johnny Petraglia PBA Bowl4Life Scholarship, which will award \$10,000 in total scholarships.

Bowl4Life's mission is to promote the sport of bowling through quality coaching for all levels, and to provide scholarship assistance to youth bowlers. The Bowl4Life foundation, founded in 2013, has awarded over \$512,000 in scholarships to youth bowlers through Sept. 20, 2023.

Johnny Petraglia, a PBA Hall of Famer who won titles in six consecutive decades, has been an exemplary advocate for charity work throughout his life. Petraglia won the <u>Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award</u> in 2010 as "a bowling athlete who has consistently shown grace on and off the bowling lanes by promoting the game and sport of bowling in a positive manner." A veteran of the Vietnam war, Petraglia is the spokesperson for <u>Bowlers to Veterans Link</u>, bowling's oldest charity.

"Having the Bowl4Life Foundation be associated with the Professional Bowlers Association is a true honor, said Chuck Gardner, founder of the Bowl4Life Foundation. Being a PBA member for nearly 40 years makes this a great fit. Having the scholarship named in honor of one of my closest friends and true Legend Hall of Famer, Johnny Petraglia, makes this perfect."

Youth bowlers who are interested in the scholarship must complete the application. Applicants are not limited by age and must be USBC Smart Account eligible and should demonstrate outstanding character, integrity, leadership and self-motivation.

The application window is open through Friday, Nov. 10, 2023. Completed applications must be emailed to Deborah Gardner (<a href="mailto:deborah@bowl4life.com">deborah@bowl4life.com</a>) by midnight on November 10, 2023.

After a selection committee of industry leaders and one PBA staff member review all applications, four winners will be announced on Monday, November 20. The four winners will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

For more information on the *Chuck Gardner Bowl4Life Scholarship Foundation*, visit <a href="https://www.Bowl4Life.com">www.Bowl4Life.com</a>.