**Pen Pals Poultry/American Bantam Association**

**2024 Educational Scholarship**

The American Bantam Association has been in existence for over 100 years and has been shared and enjoyed by many generations of members. To recognize and lend financial assistance to our members that are currently attending or planning on attending a higher learning institution (post high school), we are providing the ABA Educational Scholarship Program. These ABA members will play an especially important role in the future health and growth of the ABA either as an active member, judge, mentor or in a specific leadership role.

**2024 Scholarship** **Amounts** - **2 individual $500.00 scholarships will be awarded.**

**Candidate qualifications:**

* The applicant must be a current member of the American Bantam Association
* The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or have already graduated or received their GED.
* The applicant must be planning to attend or is currently attending an accredited four-year college, two-year community or technical college, college graduate studies, or any program and institution of higher learning post high school.

**Deadline** – 2024 ABA Scholarship Applications must be postmarked or received by **Wednesday, July 31st, 2024.**

**All completed applications should be mailed or e-mailed to:**

* American Bantam Association

 PO Box 127, Augusta, NJ 07822

 Attn: Pen Pals Poultry/ABA Scholarship

* E mail: Bantamclub@gmail.com

Information on the following application is for the exclusive use of the Scholarship Committee and Executive Board Members of the American Bantam Association for the purpose of selecting the annual recipients of the ABA Educational Scholarships.

***The American Bantam Association reserves the right to adjust and / or change the scholarship award amounts, the number of award recipients, frequency of awards, etc. based on current scholarship funding and any other relevant circumstances.***

Please contact Kevinunrath1@gmail.com with questions.

**2024**

**PEN PALS POULTRY/AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION**

**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

 **APPLICATION**

I give permission for the information contained in this application to be released to the ABA Scholarship Award Committee and the ABA Executive Board Members for the purpose of review and determining the ABA Scholarship Award recipients.

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**Signature of applicant Date**

No information contained in this application will be reproduced or shared outside of the above-mentioned Pen Pals Poultry/ABA Scholarship Award Committee and ABA Executive Board members.

**Please print**

**Name of Applicant:**

**Address:**

**City/ State / Zip:**

**Phone Number:**

**E Mail:**

**School planning to attend or current school:**

**Address:**

**City/ State / Zip:**

**Month and Year that you plan to graduate:**

**Degree / Major Area of Study:**

**Please provide detailed responses to the following categories. Feel free to attach additional pages if needed.**

1. **American Bantam Association Activities**

Please outline your direct involvement with the American Bantam Association. How long have you been a member, awards received, unique experiences, leadership roles, additional contributions, etc.? Please feel free to share other experiences with poultry activities such as 4H, FFA, workshops, county fairs, etc.

1. **Financial Need**

How are you planning to fund your education? Are you receiving any other assistance through scholarships? Describe other circumstances that affect you or your family’s ability to fund your education.

1. **Unique Qualifications**

Why do you feel you are uniquely qualified to receive the 2023 American Bantam Association scholarship? Feel free to provide any documentation or specific examples of accomplishments you are proud of. Explain how your accomplishments might benefit the future of our hobby?

1. **Additional Considerations**

Please provide any other details or information that you feel should be used in consideration of this application. (Field of study, other activities, GPA, etc.)

**5. Ideas, Innovation, Recommendations**

Based on your experiences as a member of the ABA, what ideas can you share and specific steps you can take or recommend, that will contribute to the future growth of the ABA?