

- D. **Michigan Students** – Michigan students are required to meet additional standards as defined by The Michigan Bowling Scholarship Fund (“MBSF”) and approved by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, before a scholarship can be used.
- 1) The state of Michigan has a Gatekeeper, Michigan’s approval process for scholarships. The SMART system cannot determine when/where a scholarship was derived and all accounts for bowlers with a Michigan address are subject to the Gatekeeper.
 - 2) After high school graduation, the Gatekeeper will need:
 - a) A copy of your high school transcript showing a GPA of at least 2.0
 - b) Michigan Bowling Scholarship Fund Application/Worksheet form, found here. The form can be submitted to either:
 - Mark Martin at mark.martin@mdusbc.com
 - Sharon Schildroth at s.schildroth@comcast.net
 - Or, mail the documents as stated on the form.
 - 3) Once the proper documentation is received and approved you will be notified directly by the Gatekeeper.

4. Expiration of Funds

- A. Scholarship funds expire:
- 1) Eight years from high school graduation date.
 - 2) If awarded after high school graduation, eight years from award date.
 - 3) Military:
 - a) If approved by SMART, eight years from high school graduation, plus the number of years in the first enlistment. **Example:** If the first enlistment is four years, the funds would expire 12 years after high school graduation.
 - b) In order to have the first enlistment years added, **enlistment date must be reported prior to expiration of funds** (Eight years from high school graduation/award date).
- B. Funds expire at the end of the fiscal year (December 31) and funds not used by a recipient will be returned to the originating provider account.
- C. SMART does not allow extensions.

5. Transfer of Funds

Scholarship funds are eligible to be transferred provided:

- A. Individual transferring the funds is 21 years of age or older
- B. Funds are transferred before they expire
- C. Funds are transferred to one or more family members. A family member is defined as:
 - 1) Spouse
 - 2) Son, daughter, stepchild, foster child, adopted child or a descendant
 - 3) Siblings or stepsiblings
 - 4) Brother-in-law, sister-in-law
 - 5) Aunt, uncle or their spouse
 - 6) Niece, nephew or their spouse
 - 7) First cousin or their spouse

- D. Family member receiving the funds:
 - 1) Has at least four (4) years USBC bowling history (does not have to be consecutive)
 - 2) Agrees to the transfer
 - 3) Uses the funds within eight years from their high school graduation date, unless additional years were added due to military enlistment. If not, the funds will expire to the SMART General Account for reallocation.
- E. Funds were not received through:
 - 1) Transfer from a family member
 - 2) Scholarship given by SMART provided to active recipients.

6. Availability of Funds

- A. Funds not submitted by Provider:
 - 1) If it has been more than 60 days from the end of the league/tournament or date a meritorious scholarship was awarded and a provider has not submitted the funds, the recipient should contact the provider, in writing, giving the provider a deadline (such as 15 days) to submit funds to SMART.
 - 2) If funds are not received, the following documentation can be sent to smart@bowl.com:
 - a) Name of competition or entity that awarded the scholarship
 - b) Center in which league/tournament was bowled
 - c) Name of person responsible
 - d) Copy of certificates, letter of congratulations, etc.
 - e) Copy of all written correspondence with person responsible
- B. If scholarship funds are not available for any other reason or cause, other than as a result of the willful misconduct of SMART, neither the provider nor the SMART Corporation shall be liable to a recipient for such funds or any resulting damages.

7. Recipient Disputes

- A. All disputes are handled through USBC Rules. A decision by the Rules Team can be appealed to USBC Legal Committee, whose decision is final.
- B. Recipient disputes includes but is not limited to an early expiration of a recipient account.