

IAABO Board #193 Scholarship Opportunity

I. AUTHORITY:

A “Scholarship Opportunity” has been established within the IAABO Board #193 pursuant to the authority of the President.

II. INTRODUCTION:

A. IAABO Board #193 will be awarding two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to an IAABO Board #193 member’s child or grandchild (one male / one female). This is *not* a renewable award, but a yearly grant that past winners, while eligible and assuming they meet the criteria; must reapply.

III. MECHANICS:

- A. Applicant must have a parent, grandparent or guardian who is presently maintaining a membership in good standing with IAABO Board #193.
- B. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or currently attending an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school, with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- C. Applicant must be planning to further their education either at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school. High School seniors pursuing a post-graduate year of study will also be considered.
- D. This is a merit-based award.
- E. Recipients will be selected on the basis of their integrity, leadership, well-rounded character and their involvement in community service.

Scholarship Philosophy

IAABO, the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, is the only organization of its kind in the world: a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball referees. Founded in 1923, IAABO's stated purposes are:

- To educate, train, develop, and provide continuous instruction for basketball officials.
- To promote the welfare of the game of basketball, its players and officials.
- To maintain the highest standard of basketball officiating.
- To encourage the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.
- To have available at all times an adequate number of thoroughly trained and capable officials.
- To cooperate with all organizations officially connected with the game of basketball in furthering its interests and ideals.

Predicated on the standards and operating principals listed above, we believe that our success as an organization resides in the realization that life-long learning, selflessness, gratitude and humility sit at the core of all we do. The IAABO Board 193 scholarship honors those tenets and seeks to reinforce the importance of these values not only within our body of officials, but also among the greater community at large. As you may already know, officials are part of the game that is much bigger than ourselves.

Criteria

Beyond the initial objective qualifications listed above in the Section III. "Mechanics," component of the scholarship criteria; we would like to offer you an opportunity to provide a little more insight into your candidacy by answering the following question with a 150 to 200 word essay.

"In your view, how have you best demonstrated a commitment to putting others ahead of yourself? In other words, when have your deeds or actions spoken louder than your words?"

[How did it make you feel? What triggered your involvement? When did you know you were making a difference?]

