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Dear ASABFA Coaches and Advisors:

The Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association (ASABFA) is pleased to announce the availability of a scholarship provided by the family of James Byrd for the annual J. Byrd Memorial Scholarship. Funds are for ASABFA 12th-grade members who will attend a full-time post-secondary college in the 2026/27 school year. Awards are determined based on ASABFA membership, a 500-word essay, three reference letters, and a combination of academic merit and history of community service. The scholarship amount is a one-time amount of \$1,500.00. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the post-secondary school.

Applications must be completed solely through the student anglers' own efforts—refrain from using any artificial intelligence, generative writing tools, or automated assistance. All content must authentically represent your ideas, writing style, and personal experiences. Noncompliance with these criteria will result in the disqualification of your application.

A complete application includes the following: the Applicant's cover page, résumé, transcript, responses to the question, three letters of reference, and proof of fishing club membership. The application will be submitted using the Google Form link below the scholarship heading on the website. Submission will request a fishing photograph of the Angler along with the completed application, scanned and attached in a PDF document. If you have trouble with the link, submission may also be made by emailing the photograph and complete application to both josh.williams@asabfa.net and barry.corbman@asabfa.net. Please add the Angler's name and ASABFA scholarship applied to in the subject line.

Cover Page: Cover page to include: Applicant's name, address, phone numbers (cell and home), email, which scholarship they are applying for (ASABFA), birth date, current high school, and name of post-secondary institution.

Résumé: Enclose a copy of your résumé. Be sure it includes your email address, school address, and phone number, student ID number (if applicable), permanent address, contact phone number, and field of study.

Transcript: Enclose a certified copy of your current academic transcript.

Essay Questions: Compose a response comprising 500 typed words, excluding the question itself, to address the following essay question.

- How has fishing with the ASABFA impacted you?

Letter of Referral: Enclose three reference letters from non-family members.

Proof of Fishing Club Membership: Letter from your coach or advisor documenting the years of affiliation with your high school team/club and the ASABFA.

Applications must be received by March 1, 2026. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.