

THE SUNSHINE STATE BMX ASSOCIATION ALICE BIXLER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Sunshine State BMX Association Scholarship Program was established in 2008 to honor Alice Bixler for her many contributions to the sport of BMX and to the Florida State BMX program. Alice became involved with BMX in 1974 when she took the neighborhood kids to the local track in Sarasota. She volunteered at the track as a scorer. This began her love for the sport of BMX. In 1979, the Sarasota track was sanctioned with the National Bicycle League and Florida formed the Sunshine State BMX Association. She was elected secretary but within a few months everyone on the board resigned and she became the State Race Commissioner of Florida . . . and she's never looked back. Under Alice's leadership, Florida created the best and largest state program in the NBL. Florida has grown to 22 tracks in 2008 since it's humble beginnings in 1974. The first President's Cup race was held in 1984, a state against state competition. Florida has won the Cup 17 times, and Alice has been there for all of them! She has also been involved with the NBL in many capacities throughout the years. She was honored by the NBL as Volunteer of the Year in 1995 and in 2008, she was inducted into the NBL Hall of Fame.

In 2007, after 33 years of volunteer service, she decided that it was time to take a step back and pass the leadership role to some of the capable younger generation in the state. She will still be involved with BMX but in a slightly lesser capacity and we hope it will be for many years to come. Everyone knows Alice loves the kids and she has been involved with BMX for this many years because it has been all for them. Her passion for BMX is contagious and you can see it in every one of the riders in the state of Florida.

Purpose: The SSA/ Alice Bixler Scholarship Fund was created to assist students and their families with meeting the costs of furthering their education at an undergraduate college, technical/trade school or graduate school.

Eligibility: Members who have a **current** NBL competition license or officials license and have participated in BMX racing events sanctioned by the SSA for at least one year.

Deadline: Postmarked by April 1, 2008

How Awarded: The award will be presented to the recipient at the Florida State Season Awards Ceremony. The actual check will be sent directly to the Financial Aid office of the recipient's intended school.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To qualify for consideration for the grant, a student must:

- 1) Be a Florida resident who is a high school senior, graduate or attending a post secondary school at the time of application.
- 2) Be accepted and plan to attend an accredited post secondary school as a full-time or part-time student for the complete award year.
- 3) Be an active member or official of the National Bicycle League, with participation at either the local, state or national level.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- 1) Obtain a formal application by writing to:

The SSA/ Alice Bixler Scholarship Fund
c/o Kelly Doan
21303 SW 88th Court
Miami, Florida 33189

Or download formal application off Floridabmx.com.

- 2) Complete the application (typed or black ink) and attach a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school they plan to attend. If the acceptance letter is not sent with the scholarship application, it must be received by May 1 to be eligible for consideration.

- 3) Submit two letters of recommendation from any **currently** licensed NBL official or state commissioner. This letter should state what they feel are the student's outstanding characteristics and why they should receive this award. The letters of recommendation must accompany the application.

4) Submit a personal letter (preferably typed) telling the selection committee about their high school/college activities and achievements, community interest, personal hobbies, some family background, reason for wanting to continue their education and their need for assistance.

5) Your current transcript (high school or college) must be included with the application.

6) Submit a photograph with the application for publication on Floridabmx.com.

NOTE: ALL ITEMS AND LETTERS MUST ACCOMPANY THE FORMAL APPLICATION. DO NOT FILE ITEMS SEPARATELY. ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.

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Miscellaneous Information:

Scholarship winners will be announced at the Florida State Season Awards Ceremony. If you are unable to be at the awards ceremony, you will be notified by mail. Scholarship award checks will be mailed to the financial aid department of the institution designated by the students.

Selection Procedure:

The Scholarship Committee will review the application materials and select who they feel are the most deserving applicants. A formal interview or telephone interview may be conducted by the committee with each of the selected applicants. Recommendations will then be made, in order of preference, to the State Commissioner and Board of Directors for final approval. In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker will be determined by the need of the participant. The number of applicants selected will depend on the amount of scholarship funds available for that year.

SSA/Alice Bixler Scholarship Application

(PLEASE PRINT -- WITH BLACK INK -- OR TYPE)

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ Telephone: (____) _____

High School Attended: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Year in College (Next Year)

() Freshman () Sophomore () Junior () Senior

Educational Plans and Objectives: _____

Number in Family: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Yearly Household Gross Income: _____ Less than \$25,000 _____ \$25,000-\$50,000

_____ \$50,000-\$75,000 _____ \$75,000-\$100,000 _____ More than \$100,000

Are you employed? () Yes () Full Time () Part Time () No

() # of hours per week Type of employment:_____

Name of College, University or Trade School you plan to attend:_____

List two character references other than relatives:

1) Name:_____

Address:_____

2) Name:_____

Address:_____

How long have you been involved in BMX? _____

List awards you have earned or experiences that you consider special. (Use separate sheet if necessary)

List some of your hobbies or special interest outside of BMX. (Use separate sheet if necessary.)

List any special awards or honors that you received in fields outside of BMX.
(Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Are there any other special circumstances you would want the scholarship committee to consider in reviewing your application? (Use separate sheet if necessary)

I certify this information to be correct:

Signature

Date