

Bobby Lane Cup Scholarship Application 2026-2027

Number of scholarships awarded: Varies Amount awarded: Varies

Scholarship criteria

Applicant pool – Nationwide

GPA 2.5

Community service hours required: 25

For 11th and 12th Grade students.

****All applicants must either register & fish in the tournament on December 5, 2026 or volunteer at the event the day of the tournament (call Angela at 863-581-9746 to sign up for a volunteer position)****

Essay required: Describe community service, **specifically any with Florida Wildlife and Conservation Commission or beautification projects, you participated in involving city or county lakes and parks.**

This award administered by the Polk Education Foundation.

Application must be postmarked by November 7, 2026 and sent to:

Polk Education Foundation
1530 Shumate Drive
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 534-0519

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

Completed application - You will print and complete this application, sign it and attach the required items listed below. Please secure all items to application with one staple.

- ***Completed application including essay***
- ***A copy of high school transcript***

Type or print entire application neatly in black ink.

Name_____School_____

Mailing address_____

City, ZIP_____Phone_____

Email address_____

Wght.GPA_____

Mother's Name _____ Employment _____

Father's Name _____ Employment _____

people living in your home _____

of family members attending college **including** you _____

Your Past and Present Employment History _____

Selected college or institution _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Intended college major _____

Please note below any club(s) you are in and the number of years you have participated in the Florida Bass National High School Program AND/OR the Student Angler Federation.

Essay – please computer generate (minimum 12 font) and attach to scholarship package.

Use this essay to provide personal financial need information, college and career plans, and any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Things like medical problems, divorce, and special family situations could all be considered when awarding scholarships. Awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra-curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they are discarded and not considered. **Describe community service, specifically any with Florida Wildlife and Conservation Commission or beautification projects you participated in involving city or county lakes and parks.**

SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT

I understand that:

- (a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items on the eligibility check list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged or returned,
- (b) many scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
- (c) all supporting paperwork must accompany my application packet,
- (d) those other than Polk Education Foundation staff may review my application for the selection process
- (e) only those chosen to be interviewed will be notified by mail of interview date/time,
- (f) if requested, I must attend an interview or be disqualified,
- (g) only the recipients of the scholarships will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:

- (a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award(s),
- (b) I will send a thank you note to the sponsor(s) of my scholarship(s) and a copy of the same thank you note to the Polk Education Foundation,
- (c) **my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet and a copy of my thank you note has been received by the Foundation office,**
- (d) the Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
- (e) if I change colleges, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to the Polk Education Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify the Polk Education Foundation of this in writing.
- (f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within five years of my graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to the Polk Education Foundation,
- (g) all scholarship checks will be sent on/about July 1 for fall enrollment

Student's

Signature_____

School_____Date_____

Parent's

Signature_____