2017 YBONC Foundation Scholarship Application

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS *Read carefully, e-mail to:* yboncfdn@gmail.com *if you have a question.*

- Applicants must be graduating seniors, and student of Nevada County, California.
- Scholarships are for academic purposes only, and checks can only be made out to colleges.
- One applicant will be selected in 2017.
- Applications must be typed using MS Word, mailed, or sent as a pdf. E-mail address: yboncfdn@gmail.com
  State in E-mail Subject Line "2017 YBONC Scholarship Application"
- Essays must not exceed the maximum number of words.
- Recommendations must be in a sealed envelope and included with the completed application form.
- Describe cycling experience, and future plans with the sport in regards to wellness and lifestyle.
- Selection criteria will be weighted as follows:
  Short Essays, 60pts. Dedication to the Sport, 40 pts. Recommendation, 10 Bonus pts.
- Scholarship Amount: $500

Scholarship Program funds are from local bike clubs in Nevada County:
Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County Foundation, Sierra Express Bicyclists Club, Bicyclists of Nevada County, Rotary Clubs of Nevada County, Jim Rogers Memorial Ride, etc.

All information is required to process your application. Please type using compatible word processor.

Name:	Birth Date:	Age:
Address:	City:	Zip Code:
Child E-mail:	School:	
Parent 1 E-mail:	Parent 2 E-mail:	
Phone:	Cell Phone:	
List Colleges applied to:		
List preference for the college you will attend (start with first choice): 1. 2. 3.		
I've read the guidelines and declare everything on my application as the sincere truth. I also permit YBONC to use my Essay responses in local news publications. Signed X Date:		

Completed application and letter of recommendation must be **received** no later than **Friday, May 19th**. Please mail your completed application to:

Youth Bicyclists Of Nevada County Foundation Scholarship
14159 Idaho-Maryland Rd.
Nevada City, CA 95959

Scholarship recipients will be announced by June 2.

Short Essays Requirements (15 pts. Each, Total 60 pts.):

1. Reflecting on your years of cycling, what is the most memorable experience you have had, and why? (200 word max.)
2. What do you think drives you to succeed as a cyclist, and why? (200 word max.)
3. In what ways do you think the cycling has helped you grow you as a person? (200 word max.)
4. Where do you see yourself five years from now? What do you hope to have accomplished during that time, both academically and athletically? (200 word max.)

Dedication to the Sport (10 pts. Each, Total 40 pts.):

5. Average time per ride per week, or month.
6. Preference of type of cycling like BMX biking, mtn. biking, road biking, etc.
7. Any competitive cycling experience.
8. Other forms of dedication, like volunteer with community service, cycling events, cycling classes, etc. This may include, volunteering at cycling events/activities, mentoring younger riders, formation of a cycling club, bike shop employment, or holding office within your bike club/team.

Letter of Recommendation (10 Bonus pts.):

A letter of recommendation is required and should be written by a coach or adult mentor. The letter should include:

- In what capacity they work with the student.
- How long they have known the student.
- The student's short-term and long-term goals.
- Any anecdotal information that best conveys the experience of working with the student.

The letter should be placed in a sealed envelope, included with the application form.
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Nevada City, CA 95959

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Instructions to notify YBONC Foundation for disbursement of scholarship check:

- **Send E-mail to: yboncfdn@gmail.com**
- **In E-mail Subject Line state "Scholarship Payment"**
- **Type - Your Full Name**
- **- Phone No. (in case we need to speak with you.)**
- **- Home Mailing Address**
- **Type – College/University Name**
- **- College/University Mailing Address**
- **- Check Payable To**
- **- Specify School Dept. Attention To**

Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County Foundation

Mission Statement:
What Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County Foundation is about?

The Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County (YBONC) Foundation was developed to provide youths in the community an active participation through the sport of cycling, focusing on reducing foreseen obesity, cancer, and diabetes type illnesses as predicted in the next 20-30 years with today's youths. Our mission is to establish and facilitate a safe environment for young cyclists, and educate the values of nutrition and healthy lifestyles to help promote wellness. The organization is responsible for establishing goals that will:

1. Facilitate the values of cycling with healthy nutrition decisions for a lifestyle focusing on wellness.
2. Provide youth cyclist(s) who have the desire to bike with the coaching and camaraderie that will help them achieve both competitive and non-competitive biking skills and goals in a safe and enjoyable manner.
3. Develop an awareness of what it is to be an amateur athlete that is both gracious and respectful to their community.
4. Create an environment in which they may discover new friendships and find role models.
5. Guide students towards learning new skills and disciplines, and introduce the foundations of biking for an important quality of life.
6. Foster a responsible and positive attitude toward the use of roads, trails and wilderness.
7. Promote the value of cycling to our community as a mode of transportation and as a life long sport.

This is a non-profit organization to support any youth cyclist(s), youth cycling club or team(s), youths between the ages of 12-18 years old. We believe the sport of cycling will allow youths to create camaraderie with others, develop strong nutritional skills, build organizational and communication skills, disciplines, safe cycling practices, importance of personal health and fitness, and promote value of biking as a mode of transportation. With schools being introduced to cycling as a youth sport this introduces financial needs for staff, cycling costs for team or independent cyclist(s). Items for financial support include expenses such as insurance, healthy foods, traveling, activities (rides/bike rodeos), speakers, trainers, experts/professionals, etc. We believe the sport of cycling will help develop youths to gain knowledge from public speakers, veteran cyclists, parent volunteers, and coaches. And from fundraisers, school bike club activities, and other community activities, youths will learn camaraderie with others, communication skills, networking, nutrition, technical riding and maintenance skills, organization, safety, and promote the value of biking as a mode of transportation.

All monetary distribution is based on Board of Directors approval for supporting biking activities upon receipt of a YBONC grant application.

Youth Bicyclists of Nevada Co. Foundation Programs:

$100 Healthy Food Program – Volunteer Parent(s) Organize Healthy Snacks for School Bike Club(s)
Bike Angel Program – Anonymous Donor, Toward Bike Purchase, and/or Bike Components
Grant Program – YBONC Board Approved
$500 Scholarship Program – YBONC Board Approved
Trail Stewardship Program – Introduce Youths to Community Service w/B.L.M., F.S., State, and Private Lands

Website: ybonc.org