



Awards, Local

An awards program is an excellent way for associations to recognize members for their accomplishments. Many associations offer special awards such as jackets, key chains, screwdrivers, mugs, rings, emblems, hats, and other items with the association's name and logo on them.

Before an awards program for youth is developed, it is imperative that the association be familiar with USBC Rule 400 and its restrictions. Reference the *USBC Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions* book for more information.

The following are a few items to consider when developing an awards program:

- Purpose of the awards
- Type of awards (i.e. clean game and/or perfect attendance awards)
- Source of award funding
- Administrative procedures used for determining awards - procedures should include:
 - Application/nomination procedures
 - Review and approval process
 - Timing of award

To determine what national awards are provided, and to eliminate duplicating them in a locally developed awards program, please reference the *USBC Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions* book.

Warning

Be aware state high school athletic associations have rules governing what awards an individual can earn for accomplishments. In order to assure the awards your association may offer will not have unintended consequences for youth, please contact your state high school athletic association for clarification on its acceptable award policies.

Purchasable Awards

Some awards may be purchased. A bowler may replace a lost or damaged award or purchase an additional earned award. These orders can be placed through the USBC Bowling Information Center at (800) 514-BOWL extension 8973. The achievement is verified before the order is processed.

Other purchasable awards not based on recognized achievements can also be ordered. These awards are issued at the discretion of the league or tournament official. Refer to the Association page of BOWL.com under Forms and Manuals for a complete listing of purchasable awards and prices.

Local Recognition

Recognizing the work and accomplishments of volunteers is an integral part of a successful volunteer organization. In developing a program, deserving efforts of both board and non-board members should be recognized.



The USBC Association Volunteer Recognition Program provides award certificates and other ideas to thank loyal colleagues for their efforts. The program features tips for creative ways to say “thank you” and “good work” as well as suggestions for small gifts. Certificate templates allow associations to tailor awards for each volunteer’s unique contribution. Certificates include:

- #1 Leader
- #1 Volunteer
- Director of the Year
- Awesome Instructor
- Coaching Wizard
- Superior Performer
- Tournament Wizard
- Valuable Volunteer
- #1 Youth Leader
- Dynamic Director
- Cool Coach
- Clever Coach
- Impressive Instructor
- Rising Star
- Top Youth Leader

The USBC Association Volunteer Recognition Program can be found on the Awards page of BOWL.com.