

# Binghamton Umpires' Association

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## The Toby Walker (Baseball) and The Dick James (Softball) Scholarship Awards

Since 2000, the Binghamton Umpires Association has presented scholarships to graduating baseball and softball players, totaling more than \$34,500. This year the BUA will again be awarding **2 scholarships**, one baseball and one softball for **\$500.00 each**. These will be awarded to the chosen seniors from the 21 high schools that the BUA services.

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2026**

**Eligibility:** Graduating high school senior continuing his or her education at a 2-year or 4-year college. Participation in high school baseball or softball serviced by Binghamton Umpires Chapter:

*High schools Serviced: Afton, Bainbridge-Guilford, Binghamton, Chenango Forks, Chenango Valley, Deposit/Hancock, Greene, Harpursville, Johnson City, Maine-Endwell, Newark Valley, Norwich, Owego, Oxford, Seton, Sidney, Susquehanna Valley, Union-Endicott, Vestal, Whitney Point and Windsor.*

### How to apply:

- 1: Complete the attached form.
- 2: Submit a brief essay (500-1000 words) of how baseball or softball has impacted your Growth, Development, and Character.
- 3: Submit a letter of recommendation from a current or former coach that Discusses your work ethic, character, and sportsmanship.
4. Letter of acceptance at a two or four year school

**To submit application electronically:** Submit all materials (attached form, essay, and scanned recommendation letter) attached as a Microsoft Word document or PDF to **markmandyck@gmail.com**. Use “Binghamton Umpires Scholarship” as the subject line. Please name your document file(s) with your first and last name. A verification e-mail will be sent out upon receipt of your application.

**To submit application by mail:** Submit all materials (attached form, essay, letter of acceptance and recommendation letter) in one envelope. Materials can be mailed to:

**Mark Mandyck**  
**Binghamton Umpires Scholarship Committee**  
**404 South Loder Avenue**  
**Endicott, NY 13760**

Application awardees will be notified by **May 29, 2026**. Recipients must submit proof of enrollment at an institution of higher education to be eligible to receive their award. They must finish their season as a member of their team in good standing.

**Binghamton Umpires Scholarship Application Form**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female

E: mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary School Attending/Considering for fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Baseball/Softball teams played for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extracurricular/Community service Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that the information provided is accurate and true.

I confirm that the submitted essay is my own work.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be submitted by School Official:**

**Numerical Academic average (please note – if using weighted or un-weighted average)**

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ \*Optional SAT/ACT Scores \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Official (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_