

## **Young Sportsman Scholarship Fund**

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The purpose of the American Brittany Club Young Sportsman Scholarship Fund is to help fund expenses of junior members of our club who exhibit dogs in AKC dog events through stipends and scholarships. An annual secondary education scholarship may be offered to deserving juniors. The American Brittany Club, in an effort to support our Junior Members in continuing their post-secondary education as well as their involvement with the ABC, offers scholarships to its deserving Junior Members. This fund is geared to benefit junior members who participate in ALL venues of AKC events in which Brittans are eligible to compete. The Young Sportsman is a unique individual. This special person is able to balance school and the sport of dogs. This individual is a full time student in school and participates in conformation and performance events for Brittans. The variety of the activities is important. Stipends and scholarships will be awarded to the Young Sportsmen who have demonstrated outstanding characteristics in these areas. The primary goal of the program is to promote and encourage juniors to participate in the sport of American Kennel Club purebred dog events with Brittans, as well as to become active in the American Brittany Club and regional Brittany Clubs, and to promote a continuing interest and plans for future involvement with the Brittany Breed.

### **Scholarship Committee:**

1. Young Sportsman Scholarship Committee Chairperson.
2. ABC Member from each region

### **Young Sportsman Scholarship:**

The ABC will determine the number of annual secondary education scholarships based on available funds but shall not exceed three scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. Students must complete the ABC Youth Sportsman scholarship application and send it, along with a letter of recommendation from two members in good standing of the ABC and a copy of their school transcripts to the Scholarship Committee Chair who will then forward copies of the application to the members of the Scholarship Committee for review no later than March first of each calendar year. Final recommendations of the committee will be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the ABC and will be announced at the Board of Directors meeting. The Young Sportsman Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified of their award and the award presentation shall be made at a National ABC event. Monies will be sent directly to the school of the Young Sportsman's choice to be used for books or tuition.

The criteria for awarding scholarships include the following:

1. Applicant's need
2. Applicant's academic achievement and potential
3. Applicant and/or Applicant's family must be a member of the ABC
4. Applicant's involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.
5. Applicant must be an active member in the American Brittany Club
6. They must attend at least 2 club functions per year.
7. Applicant must demonstrate a "B" average.
8. Applicant must have acceptable attendance in school. (Juniors with poor attendance in school do not show a commitment to school and will not be considered for scholarships or stipends that may be paid for time spent away from school.)

9. They must complete the Young Sportsman scholarship application.
10. Letters of recommendation; All letters should be a brief overview of why they recommend the Young Sportsman for this scholarship. Choose either option A or B
  - A. Nominated by letters of recommendation from two (2) AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB members not in the same household.
  - B. Nominated by letters from one (1) AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB and two (2) additional letters from any of the following, a teacher, advisor or person of religious affirmation.

### **Young Sportsman Stipends to attend select events**

The Young Sportsman Scholarship Committee determines criteria for dispersing funds to individuals. Juniors will be eligible for one \$250 stipend per year to attend such important shows as National Specialties, National Championships, Westminster, Eukanuba National Championship, and other same important events. Proof that the junior has participated is necessary to access money from the fund.

The criteria for awarding stipends include the following:

- Applicant and/or Applicant's family must be a member of the ABC
- Applicant's involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.
- Applicant must be an active member in the American Brittany Club
- They must attend at least 2 club functions per year.
- Applicant must demonstrate a "B" average.
- Applicant must have acceptable attendance in school. (Juniors with poor attendance in school do not show a commitment to school and will not be considered for stipends that may be paid for time spent away from school.)
- They must complete the Young Sportsman stipend application.

Young Sportsman Stipend recipients are asked to submit a brief report (and photos if possible) within 60 days of the event detailing their experience at the event.

### **Funding:**

This scholarship is funded by donations from the American Brittany Club and its members.

**The American Brittany Club**  
Application for Young Sportsman Scholarship Program

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
5. High School or Institute you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever been on probation, suspended or dismissed from school? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, explain (on a separate sheet).
8. Have you ever been suspended or investigated by the American Kennel Club? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, explain (on a separate sheet).
9. Clubs you belong to besides the ABC : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Significant accomplishments in the sport of dogs: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Other accomplishments, academic, extracurricular, community or other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. To which Post-Secondary Institution have you been accepted/applied? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. How long have you been actively involved in the ABC? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. In essay form answer the following questions.
  - a) Looking ahead to your future, write a one page essay on how you expect your experience and involvement with your Brittany and American Brittany Clubs has impacted and may impact your life?
  - b) Tell us how involved you have been, personally, in the care and training of your Brittany, and how those responsibilities will help you in other areas of your life including your continuing education.

15. Other than your sponsors, name any ABC members with whom you have interacted.

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16. Have two (2) current AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB members not in the same household or one (1) AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB and two (2) additional letters from any of the following, a teacher, advisor or person of religious affirmation. Members in good standing write brief recommendations on your behalf (on a separate sheet).

Submit your completed application to (COMMITTEE CHAIR) no later than August 1st.

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any false or concealed information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship. Furthermore, I hereby authorize the scholarship committee of the American Brittany Club to communicate with the Financial Aid office at the university necessary in regards my application. If additional information or documentation is requested of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it. All scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school attending.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our website?**  Yes  No

**Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our Facebook?**  Yes  No

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship; furthermore, I hereby authorize the Scholarship Committee of the ABC to communicate with the financial aid officer or guidance counselor if necessary in regard to my application. If additional information or documentation is required of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it.

**Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the Institution of Higher Education.**

**Junior Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s) / Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age):**

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Parent's/Guardian Signature (required for participation)

**We would like to confirm this information with your parent/guardian. Please provide a phone number and the name of your parent so we may obtain permission to contact you and post on the website.**

**Parent/guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for participating in the ABC Young Sportsman Scholarship**

**Mail completed form and additional documentation to:  
COMMITTEE CHAIR, ADDRESS....**

## American Brittany Club Young Sportsman Stipend

As a junior member of the ABC, you may be eligible for stipends to support your active participation in AKC events.

**Fill out the following information and submit it with the required documentation to apply.**

Name:	Date of birth		
Mailing address:	Telephone:		
City	State	Zip	<b>Required Documentation:</b> School Transcripts
E-mail Address			

<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 stipend event:	Date:
Dog you will compete with:	

Registered names of dog(s) you compete with & the venues in which you participate. Also list what titles and/or points have you personally put on the dog(s) you have listed? (on a separate sheet)

Essay (1-2 pages): write a brief essay including a description of your experiences and interests in pure bred dogs, also include what you perceive as your future role in the fancy

Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our website? Yes No  
Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our Facebook? Yes No

*I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my stipend; furthermore, If additional information or documentation is required of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it.*

Junior Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) / Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age):

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's/Guardian Signature** required for participation.

We would like to confirm this information with your parent/guardian. Please provide a phone number and the name of your parent so we may obtain permission to contact you and post stats on the website. *All information other than AKC junior stats will remain strictly confidential.*