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Derek Hayes, of the Ten Pin Alley Youth Program, has been chosen as the 2024 USBC Youth Ambassador of the Year.

The annual award recognizes one female and one male USBC Youth bowler for exemplary academic accomplishments, community involvement and contributions to the sport of bowling outside of league or tournament play.

Winners are chosen on submitted applications, and each will receive a \$1,500 scholarship

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Derek Hayes

Hayes, 15, is a sophomore at Verona Area High School who didn't "get serious" about bowling until just two years ago. However, what he's accomplished as an ambassador for the sport in that short amount of time is certainly notable, and it led to him winning this award.

"I was at a loss for words when I got the phone call and was being told that I won the award," Hayes said. "I didn't really know how to react, so I was just kind of sitting there. I think my mom thought that I was just brushing it off like nothing happened, but in reality, I was just stunned. Nothing like this has ever happened to me before, and I feel so fortunate that I was chosen for this."

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