

There are many words that accurately describe what a prodigy is. For example, a prodigy is talented, hardworking, determined, and has an extreme passion for what they love to do. Basically, a prodigy is a superstar who inspires others to be the best they can be. Am I able to live up to the expectations of being the next bowling prodigy? I'd like to think that I have the skills to do it! My name is Ed Thomas and I'm eighteen years old.

I have been bowling for about five years now. I bowled in a junior winter league for 3 years. We had many good coaches teaching us, including Mike Blakeney, who is a silver level certified coach. He coaches bowling at Cheyney University and is also the bowling coach at the high school I attended. He taught me many mechanical skills, as well as what it takes for the mental game needed in bowling. I just graduated high school and will attend Delaware County Community College in the fall. After that I plan on transferring to Penn State University.

I have bowled all four years at Cardinal O'Hara High School and this past year, my senior year, has been my most successful. I made first team for the all catholic leagues, received my teams most valuable player award, and finished out the season with the highest average on my team. I was fourth highest average in my division with a 206, finished first out of 191 other high school bowlers to capture the 2010 Eastern Pa Regional singles title and went on to compete in the Pennsylvania State Championships. I made the 2010 Eastern Regional all star team and bowled my first 300 game at Limerick Lanes in Limerick, Pa . After that, I captured the 2009-2010 Limerick Junior Singles Classic Invitational Championship and won over seven hundred dollars in scholarship money.

I now work at my local bowling center, Sproul Lanes, in Springfield, Pa. I consistently ask questions about the lanes and the many different oil patterns and conditions so that I can be better informed and hopefully improve my game. I plan on bowling in PBA experience leagues and many adult leagues in order to become the next bowling prodigy.

I feel like Storm and their professional staff could really help me achieve my dreams of becoming the next big star in the sport of bowling. This sport has been very good to me and I know that if I work hard enough, I can go even farther and maybe even end up on the PBA tour. I know I have what it takes to do it, but advice from a professional would be a huge opportunity that I could not pass up. I have always admired the career of my favorite bowler, Norm Duke, and have the utmost respect for him and for all the professional Storm players such as Pete Webber, Rhino Paige, Liz Johnson, Shannon O'Keefe, Carol Norman and all the other professional Storm players. I want to be just like these professionals, and maybe someday capture my first PBA title.

The sport of bowling has been very good to me. I have met a lot of people and made many friends thru bowling. I received my varsity letters in high school and it also has given me my first job. I want to eventually end up bowling on the PBA tour. I know it's a big dream, but with enough hard work and determination, I know I can make it happen.