

Being the next bowling prodigy

Hello! I'm Jonnathein Chambers, and I believe that I can be the next bowling prodigy. I have been bowling since I was 8 years old. As the time passes, people who I don't know watch me bowl. When I finish, they come right up to me and say I have a lot of potential.

My friends, family, and coach support me and also tell me I have bowling potential. When I started bowling, it was something I did for fun. Over the years I've stayed in bowling, it is becoming more important to me.

I work very hard in bowling and refuse to let my team down. I am a very enthusiastic bowler. I do my best and will never give up my dream of joining the PBA. I've met a lot of people who tried to discourage me, but that will never stop me from chasing up my dream. Not only has bowling helped me, but this has given me a chance to help other people and take a leadership role. I take bowling very serious.

For me, being serious takes full concentration and staying calm. When I get ready to release that ball, I forget about whoever could be watching and pretend nobody was there. I am very confident and always keep my head held high. No matter how good I'll get, I will always be humble.

I have learned many things in bowling, including how important team work really is, lane conditions and oil patterns, and I still have much more to learn. I have been given some opportunities that affect the life I live in right now. The first day I joined a bowling league, I was a gutter ball! I would throw my bowling ball into the gutter and it would jump right out and give me a strike.

When I started coaching lessons, my coach said my hand needed help. I would throw one of the worst back hands and averaged a mere 59 pins. We had a lot of work to do with that sorry excuse for a roll!

After a year and a half of coaching, I began to roll the ball down the lane and not the gutter! As I kept bowling, I became better. Right now as of 2010, I have been bowling for four years. In one of my most recent bowling lessons, I worked very hard and bowled a 224!!! During that time, my average was 128. My dad was so proud, that he showed my print-out to everybody at the place he works. Then, he stuck it on his office wall!

My most favorite two storm staff bowlers would be Norm Duke and Jeff Carter. I've watched them bowl on TV and thought they were great, hard working bowlers. Personally, it would be great to have a coaching lesson with Norm Duke. I could be the kid version of him.



I love bowling so much, that even outside of my practice routines I do it. Sometimes, I practice my arm throw in the store. My mom will ask, "What are you doing?" and I don't realize that I'm doing it until afterwards. One funny time, I was at the mall and I heard music. While listening to the song, I pictured myself winning a Tournament and then I started to do my victory dance! Not even realizing it, I was actually dancing in the store! A lot of people started looking and my mom asked if I was okay. At the end of my Victor Bowl 2010 winter league, I bowled a 244 for a no-tap tournament.

In 2009, I bowled at the Grand Prix State Tournament. When the results came in to see who made it in top five, I made it in 5th place for the Prep Junior's division. When I competed with the guy who made it in fourth place, I was creamed. But I still stuck out in the top 5 and that's what counts.

I still work very hard and do my best to win. Surprisingly, all that hard paid off. This year at the Grand Prix last chance tournament, I won first place. For winning, they sent me a watch with the Grand Prix logo on it the next week.

By the time I graduate high school, I want to bowl a 300 game. The most amount of strikes I've bowled in one game is eight. The most consecutive amount of strikes I bowled in one game is five. I always dream of having a 300 game plaque on the wall with my name on it.

Even though I have had exciting moments, there have been some embarrassing ones too. One time, I was walking down to the lanes and I tripped. I had spun wildly and bumped right into my friend. We both screamed like girls. Everybody that heard stared at us because the timing of our scream sounded like music. I sure won't let that happen again.

Another time was when I tried out my first bowling ball. I was about to throw the ball, but on the back swing, I slipped and the ball flew backwards towards the bowlers' seating area. Good thing nobody was hurt!

At home, I keep a hidden journal and use it to write about bowling. In my Journal, I write about the events that happen while I'm bowling. One thing I write about in particular, is bowling balls. I detail them by hook rate, core, color, coverstock, and not to mention, the ratings!

During the time I have been, bowling, I've met smart, weird, and very funny people. Some of those people are now my long time friends. They have always supported me along the way. Anytime, I will do my best to support them.

In the future, I want to be a professional bowler and run a technology business. And yes I know they are different, but I can do both. So, I put a lot of thought into it and decided, by working very hard at it, I can chase both of my dreams.

Some people say being a prodigy is just being gifted to bowl great. But, being a prodigy also means to be skillful at something, and working hard to be the best. People also have to earn their title as a bowling prodigy. I want to earn my title as a bowling prodigy.



I know that I can be the next bowling prodigy. I have many people who believe in me and I believe in myself. I refuse to let myself down. Thank you for taking the time to read my essay. If I win this contest, it would be an exciting opportunity to bring me one step closer to being a professional bowler.