

Welcome to the National Guard in Memphis!

B.A.S.S. names Top 12 student athletes to 2025 High School All-American Fishing Team as a new generation of anglers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 21, 2025— The Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team is welcoming its 12 newest members. Nearly 200 students in grades 10-12 applied for the prestigious honor. A panel of judges consisting of representatives from the sportfishing industry carefully considered the tournament resumes and extracurricular efforts of the young applicants to determine the Top 12 high school anglers in the country.

“On behalf of B.A.S.S., I’m thrilled to welcome these 12 outstanding student athletes to the 2025 Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team,” said Chase Anderson, B.A.S.S. CEO. “Their dedication on the water, commitment in the classroom and leadership in their communities embody the very best of our sport. We can’t wait to celebrate their achievements this season and watch them inspire the next generation of anglers.”

The 2025 All-American team has been invited to the 2026 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour, which will be held March 13-15 in Knoxville, Tenn. Each All-American angler will be honored on the biggest stage in bass fishing and have the chance to meet and interact with some of the greatest names in the sport.

Congratulations to the following student anglers for being named to the 2025 Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team. Students were judged based on their conservation efforts, community service involvement and tournament success from 2024 through May 2025. Read the short biographies below to see the accomplishments that earned them each the title of Bassmaster High School All-American.

Anderson Thrower (Vestavia Hills, Ala.)
As a junior at Vestavia Hills High School, Anderson Thrower earned two victories, one Top 5 and five Top 20s, beating a field of 131 teams at an Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association (ASABFA) event in September 2024 and then going on to earn an additional victory over 101 teams in an ASABFA event at Lake Eufaula that November. He wrapped up the 2024 fall season with a Top 5 in an ASABFA event at Lake Jordan. Notably, Thrower paired with Auburn University standout Hayden Marbut at the 2024 Logan Parks NSANE tournament, where the duo finished



21st out of 150 boats.

“Anderson’s resilience is particularly evident in his approach to both challenges and everyday tasks,” Vestavia Hills High School teacher Michele Kusibab said. “He possesses an unshakable determination that allows him to learn from every experience and adapt with a positive attitude. This mental toughness is a true asset, particularly in the demanding and unpredictable environment of a competitive fishing team.”

Off the water, Thrower dedicates his time to several different service projects, including the Hand in Hand ministry at Shades Mountain Baptist Church, a program that helps special needs adults and children feel welcomed and supported. Additionally, he volunteers with aTeam Ministries, a Birmingham-based nonprofit that supports pediatric cancer families, by assisting at key events such as the Clays4Kids Clay Shoot, Champions of Chemo and the annual Heart2Heart fundraiser.

Thomas Turnbull (Crane Hill, Ala.)
Thomas Turnbull, while a senior at Evangel Christian School, accumulated several impressive finishes, including four wins, seven Top 5s and 10 Top 20s. Notably, Turnbull won a \$40,000 scholarship to Western Kentucky University by winning the 2024 BassTactix AllStar Invitational. In the same 2024 season, he won

two ASABFA events on Smith Lake and Lake Jordan, beating out fields of 147 and 129 teams respectively. In 2025 he became a back-to-back winner in the 6-Man Team division of the Alabama B.A.S.S. Nation High School State Championship.

“Thomas shows up early, stays late, and is always willing to put in extra time to practice and improve,” said Robert Leonard, coach of the Evangel Bass Fishing Team. “That kind of dedication is rare, and it’s made a big difference not just in his personal growth, but in the success of our whole team.”

Turnbull is an active leader in his church community, where he leads a small group of ninth-grade boys and is also a grandview leader at Church of the Highland Motion Ministries.

John Klanchar (Benton, Ark.)
As a senior at Benton High School, John Klanchar sustained success as a member of the Benton Panther Bass Team and as a Trader Bill’s High School Trail angler. In 2024 he earned two tournament victories, one at Lake Hamilton in a Trader Bill’s event and one at Lake Maumelle in an Arkansas High School Bassers event, and netted an additional seven Top 5 finishes and 12 Top 20 finishes in 2024 and early 2025. Klanchar was also the 2024 Trader Bill’s High School Angler of the Year and was third in AOY in 2025. “John is hardworking, honest

and respected by everyone who knows him,” Benton High School teacher Julie Miller said. “He’s the kind of person who stays calm under pressure, gets the job done and makes the people around him better.”

Klanchar has served as a summer camp counselor at Brookhill Ranch in Hot Springs Village, Ark., and has also hosted seminars for young anglers at Benton Bass Team events. Additionally, he hosts a fishing tournament on his birthday each year in order to raise money for Arkansas Game and Fish Commission conservation projects.

Dylan Quilatan (Windermere, Fla.)
During his senior year at Olympia High School, Dylan Quilatan built an impressive tournament resume, winning four high school events, including two Florida B.A.S.S. Nation events at Lake Okeechobee and the 2025 Strike King Bassmaster High School Series event at Harris Chain. Quilatan’s resume includes one Top 5 and six more Top 20s in high school competition. He also won four adult-level events, including a 2025 MLF Toyota Series event at the Harris Chain and a Florida B.A.S.S. Nation Pro-Am, and earned multiple Top 5s in Florida B.A.S.S. Nation and MLF Phoenix Bass Fishing League events. “What impresses me most about Dylan is his maturity and balance,” Olympia High School

English teacher Akai Milson said. “His determination to push himself both academically and athletically embodies the values of perseverance, integrity and excellence that this honor represents.”

Quilatan is a standout off the water too. The West Orange Chamber of Commerce and Olympia High School honored Quilatan with the SOAR Award in recognition of his academic excellence and commitment to community service. He has dedicated over 100 volunteer hours to local children’s and public health initiatives.

Carter Pjesky (Sugar Grove, Ill.)
As a senior at Kaneland High School, Carter Pjesky showcased remarkable consistency as a member of the Off The Hook Bassmasters club. From 2024 through mid-2025, Pjesky earned 10 Top 5 finishes and 10 Top 20s not only in his home state of Illinois through the Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation chapter, but across the country as well. Pjesky topped the points standings in the Southern Division of the 2025 Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation Youth Series and also earned 2024 Team of the Year AOY honors on the Illinois Coaches and Student Tournament Trail. His signature win came in 2024 at the Strike King Bassmaster High School Series at Clarks Hill Reservoir.

“Carter goes after his goals and does his very best to achieve them,” said Kaneland High School teacher Michael Thorgesen. “Carter has a never-give-up attitude that has driven him to achieve his goals.”

Pjesky has a passion for conservation as well. Collaborating with Mercury Marine and Outdoor Channel host Carter Andrews, Pjesky produced a short video called “One Piece a Day,” in an initiative to help keep the planet’s waterways free from litter.

Grace Olsen (Gardner, Ill.)
From 2024 through May 2025

“On behalf of B.A.S.S., I’m thrilled to welcome these 12 outstanding student athletes to the 2025 Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team,” said Chase Anderson, B.A.S.S. CEO. “Their dedication on the water, commitment in the classroom and leadership in their communities embody the very best of our sport. We can’t wait to celebrate their achievements this season and watch them inspire the next generation of anglers.”

Grace Olsen, a then-senior at Gardner South-Wilmington High School, accumulated an impressive 10 Top 5 finishes and 12 Top 20 finishes. Olsen also won the Illinois Coaches and Student State Tournament Trail at Braidwood Lake in 2024 and was part of the 2024 Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation Youth Series Team of the Year. Additionally, Olsen was invited to participate on the 2024 USAngling USA Bass High School Youth Team that competed in Zimbabwe last December.

“Grace Olsen is the kind of student who raises the standard for her peers. She is hardworking, respectful and dependable,” said Gardner South-Wilmington High School English teacher Tyler Miller.

Olsen was part of the National Honor Society at her high school and participated in the Grundy County Sheriff’s Police Explorer Program, where she assisted with community service projects while also volunteering for ride-alongs with police officers to gain real-world experience. She also volunteered with Adopt A Highway and the local mobile food pantry truck. Olsen is the first female angler to become a two-time Bassmaster All-American.

Miles Allen (Louisville, Ky.)
As a senior at St. Xavier High School, Allen showed consistency not only in the state of Kentucky, but across the country as well. In 2024 through mid-2025, Allen won three tournaments including a 144-boat KHSAA Regional at Lake Cumberland in 2025. He also had four Top 5 finishes and six Top 20s, which included a 17th-place finish at the 2025 Strike King Bassmaster High School Series at Smith Lake and a 17th-place finish at the 2024 MLF High School National Championship on Lake Hartwell. Allen won the 2024 Kentucky B.A.S.S. Nation High School AOY for the West Trail and also won an adult Team of the Year title with the KY Bass League.

“Miles has gone above and beyond in his preparation and practice,” St. Xavier fishing coach Matt Yarborough said. “He gets out on the water every chance he gets and seeks out opportunities to improve his skill set.”

Allen has participated in a

A Public Service Announcement: TDHS begins issuing full SNAP benefits for Tennessee families for November

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) announced that, following the end of the federal government shutdown, it received guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service to begin issuing full Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for November 2025 beginning Monday, November 17.

USDA has directed states to return to using the traditional calculation tables that determine maximum SNAP payment amounts, allowing benefits to be issued at the normal amounts. As a result, Tennessee SNAP recipients who received a partial November benefit will receive the remainder of their November benefit amount.

What SNAP Recipients Can Expect:

- SNAP households that previously received partial benefits will have the remaining benefit

amount added to their EBT card beginning Monday, November 17.

- Households that have not yet received any November benefits should expect to receive their full benefit amount in the coming days.
- Customers who typically receive benefits on the 18th, 19th, or 20th of the month will receive their November benefits on their usual date.

Additionally, December SNAP benefits will be issued in full on customers’ normal date.

SNAP recipients can use the One DHS Customer Portal to view the latest case details at <https://onedhs.tn.gov/csp>. SNAP customers can also use the ebtEDGE app or Cardholder Portal to check their benefit amounts by visiting <https://www.fisglobal.com/ebt-edgemobile> to download the app or log into the Cardholder Portal at

<https://www.ebtedge.com/gov/portal/PortalHome.do>.

For any additional information, customers are encouraged to visit the TDHS website here: <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/federal-shutdown.html>.

ABOUT THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (TDHS)

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) consists of multiple divisions with a unified mission to strengthen Tennessee by strengthening Tennesseans. Led by governor-appointed Commissioner Clarence H. Carter, TDHS serves nearly two million Tennesseans to ensure that all state residents have an opportunity to reach their full potential as contributing members of their community. Among the many services and programs provided by TDHS, some of the leading programs include the Child Support Program, Child and Adult Day Services and Licensing, Families First (the

state’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Rehabilitation Services for people with disabilities, and Adult Protective Services, along with many others.

Matching Donors

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DONATE A KIDNEY TO SAVE A LIFE

DONATE YOUR CAR, BOAT, REAL ESTATE, OR PLANE!

We take donations in any condition, with fast, free pickup.

Every donation is tax deductible.

100% of the proceeds help save the lives of people needing organ transplants on MatchingDonors.com, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Call us at 781-821-2204 or donate online at MatchingDonorsDonations.com