

Dear King of Bowling, Mr. Wes Malott,

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I'm Natasha Navejar, and I am thirteen years old. I am entering this contest as a surprise for my brother, Felix. He knows I'm entering this contest, but he doesn't know I am writing to surprise him. He has encouraged me, and been my coach when I needed it most on and off the bowling lanes. He has volunteered his time helping flood and hurricane victims. He is always respectful and helpful to his coaches and other YABA bowlers alike. This essay is truly devoted to my brother, and I want you to come as a surprise for him.

My brother's passion for bowling surpasses mine, even though I love the sport, too. He has been bowling since he was four years old and he is sixteen now. Bowling is the only sport that he has stayed with and passionate about. He bowls year around in the USBC youth leagues, at Petro Bowl in Lake Charles, Louisiana where I bowl, too. He also bowls on his high school's team at St. Louis Catholic High School. If we could afford it, my brother would bowl every single day. He wanted to attend a bowling camp this past summer, but with the travel expenses and the cost of the camp, our family could not afford it. His dream would be to bowl in college. Maybe, with some pointers, he can accomplish his dream.

He reminds me a lot of you because his technique is similar. My mom and dad try to remind him that bowling is not about power, only accuracy, technique, and heart. We like to watch you and the other pros bowl on ESPN. I try to learn from you, and even try to reenact your movements. I've seen Felix try to imitate your style of bowling, with his head down, but he doesn't know how you can be so good bowling that way. My brother bowls much like you with a big curve, so it would be very interesting to see you bowl in real life next to him.

Visiting my brother's high school and his team would be an awesome experience. Bowling doesn't always get the respect as a sport, as it should. Bowling is the only sport in high school that Felix wants to play, even though he looks like a football player. Meeting you would be a dream come true for him.

Also, visiting our Saturday USBC youth league would be an awesome experience, not only to Felix and me, but to all the kids who come every Saturday. As far as I know, a pro bowler has never visited our bowling center before.

So, will you please come to my hometown and surprise Felix, and teach us all about bowling? We would all benefit from it, and I'm sure you would have a good time, too.



Sincerely,

Natasha Navejar