Lawson Ritchie
Youth Star of Tomorrow



Lawson Ritchie, born June 30, 2009 to Earl and Jessica Ritchie, is the oldest of three brothers and lives in Rawlings, a small town in Western Maryland with his parents and siblings, Kaleb and Jacob. He is a senior at CCTE, where he is pursuing his culinary certificate, and his home base school is Fort Hill High School. Lawson is also a proud member of the Fort Hill Sentinel Bowling Team.

Lawson began bowling in 2022 with the White Oaks Youth League, and when he entered high school, he joined the Fort Hill team. He has competed in numerous youth tournaments and consistently improves his skill on the lanes. Beyond his own achievements, Lawson is known for helping younger bowlers develop their skills and confidence. In the future Lawson plans continue his bowling career by joining adult bowling leagues and volunteering in the youth leagues so that he may pass on the great advice that he received from his coaches.

Outside of bowling, Lawson has been an active 4-H member since age eight. His project interests span cooking, photography, arts, and livestock. Through 4-H, Lawson learned responsibility, leadership, and the value of community. He currently serves as President of the High Rock 4-H Club, where he strives to “make the best better” and supports both his club members and the wider community.

Lawson’s commitment to service is one of his defining qualities. He has made Christmas cards, baked goods, and shared holiday music with residents of The Kensington senior home, recognizing the importance of kindness and connection for those who may not have family nearby. He has also supported the local animal shelter by organizing multiple food and donation drives.

One of Lawson’s proudest accomplishments is founding The Rawlings Community Pantry. After seeing neighbors struggle with food insecurity, he built and maintains a pantry stocked with non-perishable items using donations from food drives and proceeds from baked goods he sells. Lawson also volunteers regularly with the local 4-H office, assisting

younger members, helping with events, and supporting fair operations such as the Ag Expo scholarship bake sale and various activity stations. Lawson's passion for cooking continues to grow. He is currently taking culinary classes at CCTE and plans to attend ACM after graduation to earn his degree in Culinary Arts and Management. His long-term dream is to open a food truck and travel while serving his community.

Lawson takes great pride in all he has accomplished and hopes to continue being a positive role model for the youth who follow in his footsteps. He is grateful for the support of his parents, club leaders, and coaches, and aims to provide that same encouragement to others.

The Maryland State USBC Association is proud to recognize Lawson Ritchie as the 2026 Youth Star of Tomorrow Scholarship recipient.