



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2009 – 2010 School Year

Introduction

Awarding scholarships is one of the most rewarding and important ways the Special Education Foundation fulfills its mission of helping students with special needs achieve success in their endeavors beyond the classroom. The Foundation awards scholarships to students annually.

Applications for scholarships are submitted in late January each year. All applications must be complete for consideration and must include a copy of pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040 from the family's most recent tax return. Selection is based on a point system, with sixteen points being the maximum awarded.

Items considered for awarding of scholarships are:

- Student Essay one to three points
Based on content, neatness and specificity to Special Education Foundation
- Letters of Recommendation one to three points
Two letters required – one must be from SSD teacher
- Financial Need one to three points
- Academics..... one to four points based on G.P.A.
- Extra Curricular Activities..... one to three points
Based on areas of activities-arts, sports, community service, etc.

Send the completed and signed application form to Special Education Foundation, 10176 Corporate Square Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63132. **APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 26, 2010.**

Requirements

There are a few considerations that are essential. The absence of these elements will disqualify your application or adversely impact its evaluation.

- **The essay must be written by the student and be specific to the Special Education Foundation's mission.**
- **The essay must state why the scholarship is requested and how the scholarship will benefit the applicant.**
- **The application must be complete. All information must be submitted in the application form. Attachments, such as resumes in place of the information requested in the form, will NOT be accepted.** There are four areas of achievement in which we seek information about the applicant: academics, art, athletics and community service. The successful applicant will have entries in at least three of the four areas.
- **The application should be neat and well organized.** Writing should be clear and accurate. All information should be received by SEF as one unit.
- **Appropriate signatures are required.**
- **An official transcript is required**

- **At least two letters of reference are required.** One should be from the student's SSD teacher and the other from a professional (school counselor, minister, etc.) who knows the student well.
- **The family's most recent tax return (pages 1 & 2 of Form 1040) must be attached.**

1) **Name of applicant** _____ **Phone** _____

Birth date _____ **Male** _____ **Female** _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home phone _____ **Parent/Legal guardian work/cell phone** _____

Parent/Legal guardian(s) name _____

Parent/Legal guardian(s) address (if different from the applicant) _____

2) **Indicate the Special School District program in which applicant is enrolled.**

- Vocational/Technical Special Education

School _____ **District attending** _____

School address _____
Street City State Zip

Name of school counselor _____

Name of SSD teacher _____

Teacher's phone number _____ **Teacher's voicemail** _____

Teacher's e-mail address _____

Teacher's mailing address _____
Street City State Zip

SSD nominating teacher's signature: _____

Check the appropriate types of program and service the applicant is receiving

Program:

- Behavior Disorder Hearing Impaired Health Impaired Learning Disabled
 Physically Impaired Vision Impaired Speech/Language Impaired
 Mentally Handicapped Autism

Service:

- Itinerant Self-Contained Resource Consultative SNAP

3) List school(s) attended in the last four years, including the current school

Date Enrolled

School

City/State

Grade Completed

4) To what school or program would scholarship support be applied?

Name of School /Program _____ City/State _____

5) Estimate minimum funds required to attend chosen school or program in 2007 \$ _____

6) Financial Need Criteria: Attach the most recent tax return (pages 1 & 2 of Form 1040).

Applicant's Statement of Financial Need _____

7) On separate sheet(s) of paper, write an essay stating the reasons for needing this scholarship, including the expected benefits from attending the school or program. Include any information that you feel would help to convince the committee that you deserve and need this scholarship. **The essay must be written specifically for this scholarship application and should reflect the role that special education has played in the educational and personal development of the student.**

The following information is required to process the application.

8) Academics: Grade Point Average _____ Class Rank _____

9) Activities (arts and athletics)

Arts: Provide information regarding achievements in the visual or performing arts (recognition, grades, etc.)

Athletics: Provide information regarding athletic achievement (recognition, statistics, individual goals, etc.).

Community Service: Provide information regarding achievement in community service activities (responsibilities, recognition).

Awards

Signature of applicant _____ **Date** _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____ **Date** _____

QUESTIONS?

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