

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF THE BLIND 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Kentucky Council of the Blind is the leading statewide organization of blind and visually impaired persons in the Commonwealth. Through our support of education and career-related programs and our work in advocacy, information and referral, and public service, KCB helps blind and visually impaired people achieve independence and success.

The Kentucky Council of the Blind (KCB) will award its 2009 scholarships to eligible students at our 36th annual statewide convention, to be held November 6 - 8 in Louisville.

Students who are residents of Kentucky, or who live in surrounding states within 25 miles of the Kentucky border, are eligible to apply. Students must be blind or visually impaired, and may be enrolled in technical or trade schools, 2-year associates programs, 4-year undergraduate or graduate programs. High-school seniors may also apply PROVIDED they plan to attend a postsecondary program following their graduation in May, 2010.

These are not earmarked scholarships. The money may be used for books, tuition, living expenses, adaptive technology etc.

A variety of factors will be considered when scholarship recipients are chosen. We are looking for students who work hard in school and who have hobbies and interests outside the classroom. The ideal applicant is active in extracurricular activities and/or community organizations. Preference will be given to full-time students.

Scholarships will be \$500.00 each. Applications may be submitted by email or in hard copy, and must be received by October 23, 2009.

Scholarship winners will be notified by email or by phone. Winners are expected to attend the Kentucky Council of the Blind state convention in Louisville and participate in a presentation ceremony at the convention banquet.

Scholarship winners will receive their checks upon proof of registration in their designated postsecondary programs. Scholarship winners are also urged to participate in their local chapters of the Kentucky Council of the Blind or in the state organization.

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2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Read carefully before completing form. Answer each question. If a question does not apply to you, write "n/a" in the space; do not leave blank spaces.

Completed applications must be received by October 23, 2009. Submit email applications to Michael McCarty, KCB President, at mbmccarty@insightbb.com. Mail supporting documentation (transcripts) or hard copy applications to: Kentucky Council of the Blind, 223 Ashbury, Louisville, KY 40214.

NO HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please note: In some instances, scholarship awards may be considered taxable income by the Internal Revenue Service.

I. PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number (landline): _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth: _____

Class level for upcoming term: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale (submit official transcript): _____

Major field of study: _____

Do you read Braille? () Yes () No

Will you be a full-time student? (12 or more credit hours per semester for undergraduates, and 9 or more credit hours for graduate students.) () yes () no

II. VISUAL STATUS

Please note: Legal blindness is defined as an individual who has a visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the corrected eye and/or 20 degrees or less visual field in the corrected eye. Legal blindness must exist in BOTH eyes to be considered eligible.

Proof of Legal blindness must be provided, e.g. statement from eye doctor, Office for the Blind Councilor, etc.

At what age did you become legally blind? _____

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

A. School currently attending:

City and State: _____

Date degree is expected: _____

Upon completion, you will have earned:

Certificate Program (trade, technical, etc.) _____

2-year Associate's degree _____

4-year Bachelor's degree _____

Master's degree _____

Ph.D. _____

IV. TEST RECORD INFORMATION

ACT Composite Score: _____

SAT Composite Score: _____

Other (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, etc.) specify _____

Composite Score: _____

V. WORK EXPERIENCE

In the space provided, list any full-time or part-time work experience in the last ten years. Indicate whether this was summer employment or during the school year and include a brief description of your duties.

VI. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Are you a member of:

The American Council of the Blind: _____

The National Federation of the Blind: _____

Other organizations to which you belong (specify): _____

In the space below, list your extracurricular activities (school, religious, community, sports, organizations of the blind, recreation, etc.). Include the extent to which you have played a leadership role. A co-curricular transcript may be substituted.

VII. In the space below, briefly explain how the money will be used if you are awarded this scholarship.

VIII. In the space below, briefly tell us what your most significant personal achievement has been.

IV. Other Scholarships

Have you been awarded any other types of scholarships?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you anticipate receiving any other types of scholarships?

Yes _____ No _____