



The Lions District 14A Charitable Foundation, Inc

Lions Scholarship Criteria For Physically Challenged High School Seniors 2023-2024 Academic Year (Class of 2024)

The Lions District 14A Charitable Foundation was established as an IRS 501(c)3 charity with the mission to help improve the quality of life of the blind, vision or hearing impaired and physically handicapped in the Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties.

In keeping with our mission, we are offering a limited number of \$1000 scholarships to vision, hearing and physically challenged high school seniors in the 4-County area to attend an accredited post-secondary institution. There is no required course of study for the scholarships.

Financial need, academic achievement, participation in activities and achievements, in addition to a disability will be elements of the scholarship selection criteria. Scholarship payment will be made directly to the awardees selected institute of learning. Awards will take place at the high school graduation or awards ceremony.

The completed Scholarship Application must be postmarked by March 4, 2024 and sent to:

Lions District 14A Charitable Foundation
Scholarship Committee
Attn: Duane Williams
333 S. Line St., Apt. G3
Lansdale, PA 19446-2843

GUIDELINES FOR

VISION, HEARING AND PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT

Our guidelines for scholarship eligibility are based on, but not solely, definitions from the ADA and various State Agencies and are broad in scope to allow easier evaluation for eligibility by the school staff.

Vision: Visual impairment including blindness is impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a student's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.

Hearing: Hearing impairment will be defined as a significant functional limitation from hearing loss, i.e., documented hearing loss of 20db or greater in the better ear.

Physical: A physical impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on the student's ability to carry out day to day activities of walking and communicating.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST

- A resident and senior in a high school in Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia County.
- Physically Challenged
 - Sight
 - Hearing
 - Physical
- Course of study plans

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Have you applied for admission to a college? _____ If so, where?

Select Major course of study? _____

Have you been accepted? _____ If yes, list the names of the institutions _____

Please explain how you are planning to fund your education. Include any financial aid, grants or scholarships.

ESSAY AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

In 350 words or less on an attached sheet, write a personal essay of introduction stating your present and future goals, including your reasons for applying for this scholarship. Also, describe your work experience and/or community services while attending high school and tell how your participation affected you.

Attach recommendations from two persons (i.e., teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.).

SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are awarded a scholarship by our Foundation, please provide the following information:

1. Contact person at your school to send the certificate. Please include name, address, phone number, email address.

2. Does your school have an awards ceremony and do they allow outside presenters at the ceremony?
Y or N (please circle appropriate reply)

3. If your school has an awards ceremony and allows outside presenters, please provide the date, time and location. If your school has a photographer, we would appreciate a photo with the student for our newsletter.

4. If your school does not have an awards ceremony, please ask the contact person how they want to be informed and how they want to distribute the certificate.

5. What is your school's graduation date so we know when to send you the awards letter if you are approved requesting your college name and student ID number so our Treasurer can send the scholarship funds directly to your college of choice?

DECLARATION

I attest that all the information furnished is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. We give consent to verify and/or confirm this information as necessary in consideration of this application. I also consent that if awarded a scholarship, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Lions Scholarship Program.

The following signatures shall also authorize the release of the applicant's transcript to the selection committee if required.

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature Date

CHECK LIST

- Completed application form. Attach extra pages, if necessary, to provide complete information.
- Personal Essay of 350 words or less on separate sheet.
- Two letters of recommendation attached.
- Declaration statement signed and dated by applicant and parents/guardian.
- Above postmarked by requested date and mailed by school to address listed below.
- Mail to: Lions District 14A Charitable Foundation
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333 S. Line St., Apt. G3
Lansdale, PA 19446-2843
- Deadline: March 4, 2024 postmark