

**The International Dyslexia Association  
Southwest Branch**

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# **SCHOLARSHIP**

## **FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA ENROLLED IN CAREER-TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**

The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch will award two \$1,000 scholarships to individuals enrolled in a career-technical course of study leading to a certificate or an Associate of Applied Science Degree who are diagnosed with a Specific Learning Disability (Dyslexia).

Applications must be received by March 15, 2008. Announcement of scholarship recipients will be made by May 31, 2008. The scholarship recipient will be awarded \$1,000 by June 15, 2008, with the funds going directly to the school for education related expenses.

**SWIDA BRANCH – (505) 255-8234**

## SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch (SWIDA) Scholarship is to assist dyslexic individuals enrolled for a minimum of 9 hours in a certified career-technical program course of study. Applicants must currently attend school either within or outside of the Southwest Branch, and have a permanent residence in the Southwest Branch (New Mexico, and El Paso area).

The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch, will award two \$1,000 scholarships annually. The recipients of these scholarships will be announced and the scholarship awarded by June 15, 2008. Selection criteria are based upon the students' performance/success in relation to the severity of their specific learning disability, personal and professional goals, and financial need. To qualify, students must be diagnosed with a Specific Learning Disability (Dyslexia) affecting educational performance. All required materials must be submitted or postmarked by **March 15, 2008**.

Interested persons who meet the above criteria must complete all aspects of the application packet and send it to the SWIDA Scholarship Committee chairperson. The scholarship will be awarded directly to the recipient's school, to defray education expenses for the 2008-2009 academic year.

### THE APPLICANT PACKET MUST INCLUDE:

- a. Scholarship Application (attached).
- b. Letter of Intent (see attached guidelines).
- c. Current Transcript
- d. Two Letters of Recommendation from staff or faculty members and/or learning disability specialists.
- e. Copy of a typed current (within five years) diagnostic evaluation documenting that the applicant has a Specific Learning Disability or Dyslexia to include: (1) a recognized standardized intelligence test (WAIS-III, WISC-1V or Stanford Binet – Fourth Edition), (2) a comprehensive standardized achievement test, (3) some measure of processing.
- f. Financial need statement (attached). Inclusion of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA is preferred.

### SEND COMPLETED PACKET AND TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO:

SWIDA Scholarship Committee  
Bob Walsh, Chairperson  
1165 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
Los Alamos, NM 8754

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**CAREER-TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
(Due: March 15, 2008)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Married: \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_ Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Verification may be requested)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Diploma, (School) or GED (Institution): \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates/Degree(s) obtained: Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-secondary Career-Technical Institution presently attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

College Financial Aid Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree sought \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Completed hours \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently receive any support services or accommodations? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously submitted a scholarship application to SWIDA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

**I have reviewed and affirm that the above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Letter of Recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_

The aforementioned student is applying to The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch (SWIDA) for a \$1,000 Career-technical scholarship. Please return this form by March 15, 2008 to:

SWIDA Scholarship Committee  
Bob Walsh, Chairperson  
1165 41 Street  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

1. Briefly indicate the time period and nature of your contact with this student.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is your assessment of the applicant's career-technical ability?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How do you view this applicant's prospects for success in completing post-secondary education?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Do you believe this applicant is a good candidate for this scholarship? Why or why not? Are there unique factors that make this applicant especially worthy of receiving scholarship support (e.g. talent, minority status, self-directed, single-parent, low-income situation, etc.)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Additional comments. (Use back of this form if necessary)

Type/print name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of SWIDA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

All Sources/amounts of Income: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Employer's name, spouse, family, scholarships, grants  
awards, financial aid).

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFS (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously received a scholarship from SWIDA?

YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_ When:\_\_\_\_\_

Academic yearly expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition/ Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Books: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that these statements present an accurate profile of my present financial status:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## CHECKLIST

### HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING?

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship application

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of intent (see attached guidelines)

\_\_\_\_\_ Current College Transcript (sealed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation (Can be forwarded directly by instructors)

\_\_\_\_\_ Current (within five years) diagnostic evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial Statement

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you a permanent residence in Southwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (New Mexico, El Paso)

SEND ALL COMPONENTS OF APPLUICATION PACKET TO:  
APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2008

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Bob Walsh, Chairperson  
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## 2008 SWIDA SCHOLARSHIP

### Letter of Intent Guidelines

Your letter should include:

1. Introduction of yourself:
  - a. What have you done or accomplished during your 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades?
  - b. What are your interests (i.e. hobbies, civic organizations, clubs, etc.)
  - c. What was your experience like during 1<sup>st</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades- before and after you were diagnosed?
  - d. How have you coped with your disability (both academically in school and socially)?
2. Tell us about your chosen field of study:
  - a. Why have you chosen this field?
  - b. What are your long range goals in your chosen career and personal life?
3. Tell us why you think you should be a recipient of this scholarship?
  - a. May include your personal character, your financial need, how you think this scholarship will help you obtain your goals.)

You may any further information about yourself you feel the scholarship committee should know about you.