

**The International Dyslexia Association
Southwest Branch**

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SCHOLARSHIP

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA

The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch will award one \$2,000 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who is diagnosed with Dyslexia or a Specific Learning Disability, hold permanent residence in New Mexico or El Paso, and currently attending an accredited 2-year or 4-year post-secondary institution.

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 \$2,000 by June 15, 2008, with the funds going directly to the school for education related expenses.

2008 SWIDA SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch (SWIDA) Scholarship is to assist Dyslexic or Specific Learning Disabled individuals enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours in an Associate, Bachelors or Masters Degree program in an accredited post-secondary institution. Applicants can attend school either in or outside of the Southwest Branch but must have a permanent residence in the Southwest Branch (New Mexico or El Paso area).

The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch, will award one \$2,000 scholarship annually. The recipient of this scholarship will be announced by June 15, 2008. Selection is based upon a matrix that includes academic performance in relation to the severity of the specific learning disability, personal and professional goals, and financial need. To qualify, students must be diagnosed with a Specific Learning Disability (Dyslexia) that affects academic 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 paid directly to the recipient's college or university to defray educational 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 College 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 41st Street
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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**2008 SWIDA COLLEGE 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): _____

Degree(s) obtained: Degree: _____ Place: _____ Date: _____

Post-secondary 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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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date: _____

Name: _____

Annual Income: _____

All sources/amounts of income: _____
(Employment income, family income, scholarships, grants,
awards, financial aid, other).

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFS (optional): _____

Have you previously received a scholarship from SWIDA?

YES ___ NO ___ DATE _____

Academic yearly expenses:

Tuition _____

Books _____

Housing _____

Transportation _____

TOTAL _____

Additional Comments about financial status:

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

Signature of applicant

Date

2008 SWIDA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP 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) typed 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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Letter of Intent Guidelines

Your letter should include:

1. Introduction of yourself:
 - a. What have you done or accomplished during your 1st through 12th grades?
 - b. What are your interests (i.e. hobbies, civic organizations, clubs, etc.)
 - c. What was your experience like during 1st -12th 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 additional information about yourself that you feel the scholarship committee should know.