

The International Dyslexia Association
Southwest Branch
3915 Carlisle NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

**LOIS ROITHSCHILD MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

**FOR COLLEGE BOUND
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
WITH A SPECIFIC LEARNING
DISABILITY OR DYSLEXIA**

Through the generosity of the Bill Rothschild, the International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch will award an annual scholarship of up to \$1,000 to a college bound high school senior who is diagnosed with Dyslexia or a Specific Learning Disability. Applicants must have a current Individual Educational Program (IEP), a GPA of 2.5, be eligible for any New Mexico higher education "Bridge to Lottery" scholarship, demonstrate financial need, and be a permanent residence of New Mexico or El Paso.

The scholarship recipient will receive an initial awarded of \$500 for the Fall 2008 semester following college registration, with funds going directly to their school for education related expenses other than tuition, such as fees and books. Following the first semester of 2008, if the award recipient meets criteria for the NM Lottery Scholarship, an additional \$500 award will be granted for education related expenses for the Spring 2009 semester. Applications must be received by May 1, 2008. Announcement of the scholarship recipient will be made by June 15, 2008.

2008 SWIDA SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of **Lois Rothschild Memorial Scholarship** is to assist a promising college bound New Mexico high school senior with Dyslexia or a Specific Learning Disabled defray freshman year costs such as fees and books which are not covered under existing New Mexico higher education "Bridge to Lottery" scholarship programs. The two semester component of the award recognizes existing supports and is designed to provide an additional incentive for success during the freshman year. Applicants must have a current Individual Educational Program (IEP), a GPA of 2.5, be eligible for any NM higher education "Bridge to Lottery" scholarship, demonstrate financial need, and be a permanent residence of New Mexico or El Paso. The recipient will receive an initial award of \$500 for the Fall 2008 semester, following college registration. These funds will be deposited directly to their school financial aid office. Following the fall semester of 2008 an additional \$500 award will be granted for Spring 2009 semester education related expenses if the award recipient meets eligibility criteria for the NM Lottery Scholarship program.

Selection will be made using a matrix that includes academic performance in relation to the severity of the disability, financial need, letters of recommendation, and personal goals. The recipient of this scholarship will be announced by June 15, 2008.

Interested students, who meet the above criteria, must complete all aspects of the application and send it to the SWIDA Scholarship Committee chairman. All required materials must be submitted or postmarked by **May 1, 2008**.

THE APPLICANT PACKET MUST INCLUDE:

- a.** Scholarship Application (attached).
- b.** Letter of Intent (see attached guidelines).
- c.** Current Individual Educational Program (IEP), proof of high school enrollment, and an official High School Transcript, including fall 2007 grades.
- d.** Three Letters of Recommendation (1 community based, 2 school based).
- e.** Copy of a current (within five years) diagnostic evaluation documenting a Specific Learning Disability or Dyslexia to include: (1) a recognized standardized intelligence test (WAIS-III, WISC-IV or Stanford Binet – Fourth Edition), (2) a comprehensive standardized achievement test, (3) some measure of processing.
- f.** Financial Award Letter (preferred) or need statement (attached), plus Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This aspect can be completed on-line (www.fafsa.ed.gov/) after 1/1/06.

SEND COMPLETED PACKET AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO:

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

The International Dyslexia Association Southwest Branch

3915 Carlisle NE
Albuquerque, NM 87125-0891
(505) 255-8234

**2008 LOIS ROTHSCHILD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Due: May 1, 2008)**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Parent/guardian: _____

Address: _____
(Verification may be requested)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No. () _____ Cell No. _____

Email address: _____

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

List of courses currently enrolled in for Fall and Spring semesters:

College/University that you plan to attend: _____

College Financial Aid Office Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Major _____

Date of most recent diagnostic evaluation: _____

Date of initial diagnostic evaluation: _____

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

Signature of Applicant

Date

The International Dyslexia Association Southwest Branch

2008 LOIS ROTHSCHILD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

(Due: May 1, 2008)

Letter of Recommendation for: _____

The aforementioned student is applying to The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch (SWIDA) for a college scholarship. Please return this form by May 1, 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 academic ability and engagement of academics?
3. How do you view this applicant's prospects for success in completing a college 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 _____

High School: _____ Position: _____

Are you a member of SWIDA? Yes _____ No _____

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date: _____

Name: _____

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

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFS: _____

Additional Comments about financial status:

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

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent or guardian

Date _____

**2008 LOIS ROTHSCHILD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CHECKLIST**

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING?

- _____ Scholarship application
- _____ Letter of intent (see attached guidelines)
- _____ Current high school transcript (sealed), IEP, verification of enrollment
- _____ Three letters of recommendation (Can be forwarded directly to Committee)
- _____ Current (within three years) diagnostic evaluation
- _____ Financial Award Letter or Financial Statement, Expected Family Contribution from FAFSA
- _____ Are you a permanent residence in Southwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (New Mexico, El Paso)

**SEND ALL COMPONENTS OF APPLICATION PACKET TO:
APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 1, 2008**

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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 1st through 12th grades?
 - b. What are your interests (i.e. hobbies, sports, 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 are encouraged to include any additional information about yourself that you feel the scholarship committee should know.