

BLIND SERVICE ASSOCIATION
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2023

NOTE: Eligible students must be legally blind, reside in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will Counties, and be enrolled/accepted in an accredited degree program during the fall of 2023.

In addition to your completed application, you must submit the following:

1. Two letters of recommendation from past instructors or other academic professionals who can comment on your scholastic or other achievements. Repeat applicants need only submit one letter of recommendation.
2. An autobiographical essay, as described on the last page of the application. Past recipients must submit a summary of precisely how past scholarship money was spent.
3. Official transcripts of grades from most recent school or schools. Proof of your acceptance in an accredited educational institution is required.
4. A recent eye report (no older than 2 years), certifying legal blindness.
5. A copy of a valid identification card

The deadline for submission of completed applications is April 1, 2023. Send all materials together to the above address.

- Interviews with all qualified applicants are required and will be scheduled in May 2023.
- Scholarship applicants will be informed of whether they have been awarded or not awarded a scholarship in the weeks following the completed interviews.
- Announcement of scholarship awards will be made at Blind Service Association's Annual Meeting in June. Awardees are expected to attend and scholarship awards will be presented at this time. Winners must sign for their scholarship in person.
- BSA awards individual scholarships up to \$3,000.
- All decisions of the BSA scholarship committee are final.

If you have any questions at all, please reach out to Dustin Cather at dcather@blindserviceassociation.org or by phone at 312-236-0808.

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1. Personal data

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Date of birth _____

Prefix Mr. _____ Ms. _____ Mrs. _____ Dr. _____

2. School you plan to attend in fall of 2023

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Have you been admitted to this institution? ___ Yes ___ No

If no when do you expect to be accepted?

Expected major/area of concentration

Full time ____ Part time ____

Degree /certificate sought

Date degree expected: Month _____ Year _____

3. Educational Background (complete only items which apply)

List two schools most recently attended, school presently attended as "A": Recent high school graduates need only to list their current school.

A - Name of School

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Major/area of concentration

Full time _____ Part time _____

Cumulative GPA: on 4.0 scale _____; on 5.0 scale _____

Degree/certificate awarded

Scholarships, academic honors, awards, citations, etc. received.
Cite date and reason for each.

B - Name of school

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Major/area of concentration

Full time _____ Part time _____

Cumulative GPA: on 4.0 scale _____; on 5.0 scale _____

Degree/certificate awarded

Scholarships, academic honors, awards, citations, etc. received.
Cite date and reason for each.

4. Extracurricular activities

Briefly describe school, community, volunteer or religious activities in which you are or have been involved.

5. Employment experience

Are you working at this time? _____

Part time _____ Full time _____

Where, and in what capacity?

What work experience have you had in the last five years?

6. Costs

What are your anticipated costs (tuition, fees, room, board, etc) per semester/quarter?

What funding sources have you explored?
How much support do you anticipate?

DHS _____

Loans _____

Family _____

Employment _____

Awards/
Scholarships _____

Other _____

7. New Applicants must include a brief autobiographical essay.

No more than two double spaced, typed pages - about your achievements, goals and aspirations. You may include anything you feel the committee ought to know about you.

8. Past BSA scholarship recipients: In place of an autobiographical essay, please submit a summary of the past academic year, including an accounting of how past year's scholarship money was spent.

9. How did you hear about the BSA scholarship program?

**10. Have you received a BSA scholarship in the past?
If so, please indicate year and amount.**

Year _____ Amount _____

Year _____ Amount _____

Year _____ Amount _____

You, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the information set forth in this application is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

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