

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND OF COLORADO
(ACBCO)

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2012 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The American Council of the Blind of Colorado (ACBCO) has created an annual scholarship program for Colorado students who are legally blind. ACBCO will present up to four scholarship awards to outstanding blind/visually impaired students in 2012. All legally blind, full or part-time students admitted to academic and vocational training programs at the post-secondary level for the 2012-13 school year are encouraged to apply for one of these scholarships. A cumulative grade point average of 3.3 is required, but extenuating circumstances may be considered for certain scholarships. Applicants must be legally blind in both eyes. Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted in hard copy print, post-marked by March 15, 2012 and sent to:

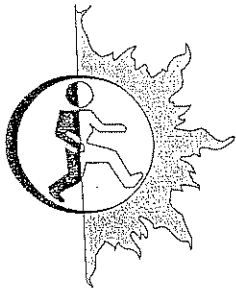
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Students must be attending an accredited school in pursuit of a degree or advanced certificate. Scholarship(s) may be awarded for the following:

- Post graduate:
Master's _____
Doctoral _____
Undergraduate
Academic _____
Vocational _____
Certificate (30+ credits) _____

Formal Award announcement will be made at the ACBCO Annual Meeting, April 21, 2012 in Denver. We encourage winner(s) to attend to receive in person recognition.

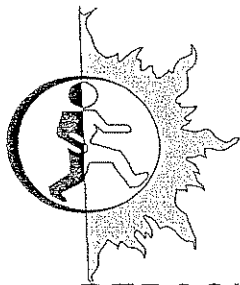
Payment of scholarship funds will be made directly to the education institution on behalf of the successful student(s) on or before September 1, 2012. If the student fails to notify ACBCO of contact information for payment or withdraws for any reason prior to or during the Fall Semester 2012, the award will be forfeited.



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SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA 2012

1. Completion of the Application
2. Proof of legal blindness: Verification should be in the form of a statement from a state rehabilitation agency, an ophthalmologist or an optometrist.
3. Proof of US citizenship: A passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers or proof of legal residency.
4. Documentation of academic achievement: Copies of school transcripts and copies of SAT and/or ACT results. A waiver may be approved upon request for special circumstances.
5. Three letters of recommendation: One letter should attest to the candidate's academic skills. Each letter must include the name, address and telephone number of the person writing the reference.
6. A personal statement: The statement (750 words or less) should describe the educational, career and personal goals of the applicant.
7. If GPA is less than 3.3, a one page explanation as to circumstances related to academic performance and request for a waiver of the minimum GPA level.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2012

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security # _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Names of
Parents/Guardians: _____
(If applicable – under 21)

E-Mail: _____

US Citizen? _____ Legal Resident of CO _____

Are you a current member of ACBCO? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you a member of any other organizations whose
mission(s) include striving to improve the quality of
life and independence of blind and visually
impaired people? ___ yes ___ no

Please list:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

1. School in which currently enrolled: (High School, College or Vocational Training)
 ___ Full Time ___ Part Time

Name of Current School _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

2. Test Scores:

Please indicate if you were exempt and submit supporting documentation if requesting a waiver from these criteria.

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

College Admission Test Scores (ACT) _____

College Admission Test Scores (SAT) _____

3. Colleges/Universities to which you have applied or will apply?

4. Leadership/Community Service:

5. Financial circumstances: include any special information that you would like the scholarship committee to consider. Include a copy of the application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the CSS/Financial Aid Profile if you have applied for financial aid.

6. Awards and honors achieved:

7. Extracurricular Activities:

8. Documentation Included:

- Official Transcript (High School)(not required if already attending college at undergraduate or graduate level)
- Official Transcript (College)
- Proof of Us Citizenship
- Proof of Colorado residency
- SAT/ACT Test Score Results (not required if already attending college at undergraduate or graduate level)
- Request for Waiver with statement of reasoning
- Three letters of recommendation

Please attach a personal essay, not exceeding 750 words. The statement should describe the educational, career and personal goals of the applicant.