

Hope and Aspirations: The NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund

Purpose

The purpose of the Hope and Aspirations: NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund is to provide monies to students in need of assessment to establish accommodations for dyslexia or related reading disorders in the post-secondary setting. Monies may also be used for young adults (18-30) in need of remediation services for dyslexia or related reading disorders, whether or not they attend a post-secondary institution

Qualifications

Applicants qualifying for this award shall be young adults ages 18-30 who either attend a post-secondary institution, have a high school diploma and wish to attend a post-secondary institution, or those who demonstrate a need for remediation but have not completed high school.

Term of Award

Funding shall be awarded for one academic and/or calendar year dependent upon the type of award provided (assessment/remedial services). The amount of the award may vary contingent on the needs of the applicant using an individual timeline, as well as funding available. Prior recipients may apply for renewal of the award and will be awarded at the discretion of the Hope and Aspirations Committee.

Selection Procedure

Young adults who meet the criteria will gain full consideration. Applicants meeting the criteria for the Hope and Aspirations: NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund will be identified by the Hope and Aspirations: NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund Committee. The Committee will recommend applicants to the NOB/IDA Executive Committee for final consideration based upon adherence to the award criteria. The Chairman of the Hope and Aspirations: NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund Committee will notify the recipient(s).

In order to qualify for the award, applicants must:

- 1) Complete the Hope and Aspirations: NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund Application.
- 2) Submit two letters of recommendation to the Hope and Aspirations: NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund Committee from the student from a

school counselor/advisor, teacher/professor, school administrator, a community leader such as a pastor or minister, current or past employer, civic or political leader, coach, or tutor.

- 3) Schedule a face to face interview with member(s) of the Hope and Aspirations Committee.
- 4) Submit either a typed double spaced essay (approximately 250-500 words) or a video/audio version about applicant's talents, experiences, and/or challenges with dyslexia.
- 5) Applicants attending or planning to attend post-secondary institutions are required to submit proof of good academic standing. Other young adult applicants' applications will be determined at the discretion of the Hope and Aspirations Committee.

Awards Procedure

Young adults who are awarded the scholarship must adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) Applicants/applicants' guardians must be members of IDA (Student Membership \$25, Parent Membership \$45).
- 2) The recipient must show proof of enrollment in an accredited educational institution and maintain the academic and disciplinary requirements necessary to remain in good standing according to the policies outlined by the institution. Applicants must provide a copy of FAFSA to the Hopes and Aspirations Committee.
- 3) The scholarship will be automatically forfeited if the student for any reason defers admission, withdraws, takes a leave of absence, or fails to remain in good academic and disciplinary standing at the institution of their choice.
- 4) A young adult in need of remedial services who is not enrolled in a post-secondary institution will be required to submit proof of need at the discretion of the Hope and Aspirations Committee.
- 5) This award may be given to a maximum of 4 students at the present time, with the possibility of additional awards dependent on monies available.

Additional Guidelines

- 1) In order to participate in an Educational Evaluation/Assessment, the evaluation/assessment must be completed by an Educational Diagnostician or approved agency on the NOB/IDA Referral List.
- 2) In order to receive remedial literacy services, the tutor/approved provider must provide proof of certification in a Multisensory Structured Language Program inclusive of the completion of a practicum, as well as provide proof of experience working with secondary and post-secondary students/adults (reference required).
- 3) In order to demonstrate Student Proof of Attendance, the following guidelines are to be established:
 - a. The Service Provider (diagnostician and/or tutor) must submit a monthly Progress Report inclusive of dates of service and invoice.
 - b. An invoice will be sent to NOB/IDA; the Treasurer will disburse funds with the approval of the Hope and Aspirations Committee.

NOB/IDA Mission Statement

The Northern Ohio Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (NOB/IDA) has a mission to offer hope, education, and the opportunity for personal success to people with dyslexia and those who interact with them in northern Ohio. NOB/IDA feels it is never too late to provide remedial services to individuals with dyslexia.

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Name: _____
last name, first name middle initial

Address: _____
Street

City, State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Status: Undergraduate/enrolled Major: _____
Admitted/ not yet enrolled Intended Major: _____
Not enrolled In a Post-Secondary Institution (please list employment, employment
history, secondary
education): _____

Personal Statement Instructions

The required Personal Statement should describe your talents, experiences, and/or challenges with dyslexia describe how you plan to utilize this scholarship and describe how the scholarship will benefit you (limit two pages). Videotaped or audio taped Personal Statements are also acceptable.

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two letters of recommendation in support of this scholarship application.

Application Deadline

Scholarship Applications are accepted on an ongoing and individual basis.

Application Procedure

Submit application, personal statement and letters of recommendation to:

The Hope and Aspirations: NOB/IDA Young Adult Literacy Fund

c/o NOBIDA

P.O. Box 172

Richfield, OH 44286