



## Post-Secondary Student Scholarship Guidelines

The Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois is making scholarship funds available to students with learning disabilities who currently are enrolled or are enrolling in undergraduate colleges or technical/vocational programs.

The Federal Law (34 CFR 300.8) definition will be utilized to determine specific learning disability qualifications is:

**Specific learning disability** --The individual exhibits a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations. Such terms include conditions as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include individuals who have learning problems, which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor handicaps, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

### Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Illinois.
2. The applicant must show evidence of a psychological evaluation and/or an Individual Education Program which indicates that the applicant was diagnosed as having a **specific learning disability** and received or currently receiving services. Psychological and/or IEP will not be returned.

### Application Information

1. Applicants must **complete all forms**.
2. The LDA of IL Scholarship Committee selects scholarship recipients.
3. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00. Upon proof of acceptance into college, technical, or vocational school, the scholarship money will be sent directly to the institution. **This scholarship money can only be used for the purpose of tuition and books.**
4. The application **DEADLINE** is **Wednesday, March 3, 2021**. **All application materials and references received after that date will not be considered. Please allow five (5) days for mailing.** For additional information, contact the LDA/IL office at 708-430-7532. Winners will be notified in May 2021. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Scholarship check will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the college upon verification of student enrollment.
5. **THREE** references **dated January 2021 or later**, are required, including at least one from a school counselor, administrator or teacher. The reference letters should be addressed to the **LDA of IL Scholarship Committee**. Each Personal Reference letter should not exceed one page and be submitted in a sealed envelope. Please do not include a relative as a reference. Do not exceed three references.
6. **ALL** requested information must be included with application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. When all scholarship requirements are completed, please send to: Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois Attention: Scholarship Committee 10101 S. Roberts Road, Suite 205 Palos Hills, Illinois 60465-1556



**Post-Secondary Scholarship Application**

**All blanks on *pages 1-3* must be completed. Use *N/A* where appropriate.  
Attach additional sheets as needed.**

Name

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Last	First	Initial
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Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Post Secondary School ID # or Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (include city and zip) \_\_\_\_\_

College Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_

Father Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS LDA/IL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REAPPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.**

Please indicate if this applies. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Year(s) of Award (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

School presently attending or last attended

\_\_\_\_\_

School address (include city, state, zip)

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School contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Merits**

**Extracurricular School Activities (e.g. athletics, organizations, clubs, plays)**

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**Community/Campus Involvement (e.g. volunteer work, charity work, leadership roles)**

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**Work Experience (list any significant work experience in the past two years)**

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**Career Ambitions**

**Briefly describe your career goals.**

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**Personal Reference Letter Should include the following information:**

This statement is made regarding \_\_\_\_\_, an applicant for the LDA/IL Post-Secondary Student Scholarship award.

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this student should receive this LDA/IL scholarship award?

Please submit an attached separate letter addressed to the **LDA of IL Scholarship Committee**. The letter should not exceed one page.. **This reference needs to be dated January 2021 or later.** Please sign, date, and return to student the one page letter of reference in a sealed envelope. The applicant has been asked to submit all information at one time. Thank you.