



American Council of the Blind of Texas, Inc.
ACBT Scholarship Committee
9639 Orchid Meadows
San Antonio, TX, 78250
Spring 2008 Website: www.acbtexas.org

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

On behalf of the American Council of the Blind of Texas, Inc. (ACBT) Scholarship Committee, I would like to make you aware of a scholarship opportunity. Each year ACBT awards scholarships to entering college freshmen, current college students, and students enrolled in vocational or technical programs. ACBT is pleased to offer the 2008-2009 scholarships.

The American Council of the Blind of Texas is an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind (ACB). The mission statement of ACB states that the American Council of the Blind “strives to increase the independence, security, the quality of opportunity, and quality of life for all blind and visually impaired people.” ACBT subscribes to this mission statement and works to be an advocacy organization and a positive support system for Texans who are visually impaired. Our state motto is TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More. Although the majority of our members are visually impaired, sighted persons who share the common goals and interests of our organization are also welcome to join.

ACBT is trying to reach the largest number of individuals who would be eligible for these scholarships.

Scholarship requirements include:

- **Documentation of legal blindness**
- **Texas residency**
- **A cumulative high school GPA of 3.0**
- **A cumulative post-secondary GPA of 3.0, if have attended college/vocational school/trade school**
- **Acceptance for admission or current enrollment at a college or vocational/trade school**

Required supporting materials include:

- **A completed scholarship application**
- **Copy of high school transcripts (of each school if more than one was attended)**
- **Copy of acceptance letter (if entering student) or, if you have earned college credit already, copies of your academic transcript(s) from all post-secondary schools attended**
- **2 to 3 letters of recommendation not more than twelve (12) months old**
- **A 1 to 2 page typewritten autobiography telling the scholarship committee about yourself, including family, hobbies, activities, and community service as well as your educational and career goals. Also, please specify if you are attending full-time or part-time; and, if part-time, if employed while attending.**

Please submit the completed scholarship packet to us at the address listed below postmarked NO LATER THAN JULY 2, 2008. If supporting materials are being sent separately, please note this on your application. However, all materials must be postmarked NO LATER THAN JULY 2, 2008. Applicants will be considered on the basis of academic achievement, community service, and degree of visual impairment. Financial need will be of secondary consideration; providing your financial information is optional. All decisions will be made and recipients notified by August 5, 2008.

Please make copies of this packet as needed. We have included an ACBT brochure for your information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email.

Sincerely,

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IV: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Required) Attach pages if needed

What college or university are you enrolled in or attending?

What is your major? _____ Your Cumulative GPA? _____

What is your work experience? _____

In what community activities are you involved? _____

Check the visual and mobility aids that you use:

White Cane Dog Guide Screen Reader Refreshable
Braille Display Screen Magnification Notetaker Scanner
 Electronic Reading Devices Large Print Braille
 Other: _____

Mail application and all supporting documents to:

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*Please call or email if you have any questions and thank you for
applying before July 2, 2008!*