

LEAD Foundation

Learning and Educating About Disabilities
730 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

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Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the LEAD Foundation Scholarship.

The LEAD Foundation sponsors this \$1000.00 scholarship for students with specific learning disabilities and AD/HD (such as Dyslexia, Perceptual or Communicative disabilities). The goal of this organization is to recognize and reward students with these disabilities who have worked hard in their High School years. The ideal candidate for this scholarship is a student who has faced the challenges of having a learning disability and understands that self-advocacy and self-knowledge are powerful tools in overcoming those challenges and is willing to serve as role model for other students like themselves.

To qualify for this 1year, \$1000.00 scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a documented, specific learning disability
- Have a 2.8 Grade Point Average (minimum)
- Submit a completed application (enclosed)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (we suggest a teacher or counselor who are familiar with the students disability)
- Proof of Colorado residency (Drivers License or State ID)
- Proof of your academic standing
- Proof of your specific learning disability.

Entries must be postmarked by February 28, 2010. The winner of the scholarship will be announced by April 16, 2010.

Again, thank you for your interest. Please feel free to contact me, via email, LEADourkids@yahoo.com, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Terry Yannias
LEAD Foundation Community Scholarship Administrator

LEAD Foundation
Learning and Educating About Disabilities
2010 Scholarship Application

PART 1

General Information:

Name _____ Age ____ Male__ Female____ (optional)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Name of Parents or Legal Guardian _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____ Number of years as CO resident _____

How did you hear of this Scholarship? _____

Name and address of High School

Expected date of Graduation _____

Please list colleges to which you have applied, in order of preference. Please circle those at which you have been accepted.

What is your planned major? _____

PART 2

Activities:

Please list school clubs or organizations – indicate how long you participated and any offices you may have held:

Please List any important activities or events that have taken place in your life, including community service and/or work experience:

Hobbies and /or Skills:

Please list any scholastic/community awards you have received:

Describe **your specific learning disability** and how it impacts your life. Also include the date of the initial diagnosis and the date of your most recent testing. Feel free to attach another sheet if necessary.

PART 3

Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, write a brief answer to each of the following questions (50 words or less for each question). Refer to the guidelines stated in the cover letter as to what an Ideal Candidate would be.

1. Give an example of how you have demonstrated **L**eadership.
2. What are some of you **E**ducational strengths?
3. Give examples of how you **A**dvocated for yourself in High School: how do you plan to continue advocating for yourself in College?
4. What would you like to **D**o with your education?

PART 4

Documentation needed

- **Documentation of a Specific Learning Disability** from a certified professional. This can include a statement form a School Counselor, psychologist or relevant pages from testing, I.E.P.'s and/or 504's. Please limit to two (2) pages of documentation.
- **A Complete High School transcript.** This must be an original and certified by the School's Guidance or Counseling office.
- **Two (2) Written Reference Letters**, one page only, please, from the following sources:
 - A teacher who is aware of your disability and its impact on your life.
 - An employer or supervisor/coordinator of an extracurricular activity
 - (A third letter is optional from another adult or peer.)

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I certify that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have a documented leaning disability, will be earning for have earned my high school diploma or its equivalent and will be enrolling or am currently enrolled in a full-time college program for the 2010-2011 academic year. I hereby authorize The LEAD Foundation to use excerpts from my application for publicity and public related purposes

Applicants are responsible to arrange for transcripts and other required documentation to be submitted to The LEAD Foundation. IN the event that The LEAD Foundation finds it necessary to seek additional information, permission is given to contact school officials and others to request additional relevant information for use by The LEAD Foundation.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Required if Applicant is under 18 years of age

Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2010

Please return this form and all required documentation in **ONE packet** to:

Jamie Brown
LEAD Scholarship
Pikes Peak Community Foundation
730 North Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

- The LEAD Foundation reserves the right to NOT award the scholarship in a year when no suitable candidate applies.
- Monies will be disbursed to the College or University of the scholarship winner during August.
- Scholarship MAY NOT be deferred to any subsequent year
- Students enrolled in Cheyenne Mountain High School's LEAD program, who are candidates for other LEAD Foundation scholarships, are excluded from this scholarship