

Houston Council of the Blind

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

March 9, 2011

Dear Counselor, Teacher and/or Social Worker:

The Houston Council of the Blind (“HCB”) is an organization of blind, visually impaired, and sighted persons devoted to the educational and social needs of the blind and visually impaired community. Houston Council of the Blind has prepared three (3) \$500.00-Scholarships that are available for qualified students for the Fall 2011 school year. A fourth scholarship is available for students majoring in Computer Science or other computer related fields, like Information Technology, this is the Robert L. Bartlett Scholarship for \$500.00. We seek your assistance in reaching as many visually impaired or blind students as possible who may qualify for the scholarships. Please help distribute our application by making additional copies as

needed, and making the application readily available to anyone interested. The application is enclosed. Other alternative accessible formats of the application will be made available upon request by the applicant or on behalf of the applicant.

In order to be eligible for an HCB scholarship, applicants must reside in the Greater Houston Area or surrounding counties. Specific academic and enrollment qualifications are listed on the scholarship application.

Persons who may apply for these scholarships include high school seniors, applicants accepted by a technical or vocational school, students currently enrolled in a college or university, or graduate students pursuing internships or required to complete graduate coursework. The HCB does not require that applicants pursue any particular field of study or have a specific vocational goal.

All applications and inquiries should be sent to:

Houston Council of the Blind
C/O Noelia Dillingham
702 East 18th Street
Houston, Texas 77008
Attn: Linda Bradley
Scholarship Chairperson

If you need more information or have any questions, please write to the above address or call Linda Bradley at (713) 393-7549 or you may email her at brad243@sbcglobal.net. You may leave a message for Noelia Dillingham at 713 864-6274

We appreciate your assistance in helping us to get the word out about the HCB scholarships!

Yours truly,

Linda Bradley
Scholarship Chairperson

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Dear Student:

The Houston Council of the Blind (“HCB”) being devoted to the educational and social needs of the blind and visually impaired is pleased to offer its Fall 2011 scholarships.

REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must:

MEET THE REQUIREMENTS AND MAIL OR SEND VIA COURIER THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION NO LATER THAN JULY 10, 2011 (must be clearly dated); and

- 1. Be legally blind or blind (Documentation is required certifying vision impairment by a licensed professional such as a doctor or a vocational rehabilitation counselor);**
- 2. Reside in the greater Houston area or surrounding counties;**
- 3. Plan to attend and be accepted for admission or enrollment at a college or vocational trade school full-time -minimum of twelve (12) hours, or be a post graduate student completing required course work in furtherance of a degree, or be a graduate student enrolled in a certified graduate program.**
- 4. Have a cumulative GPA (high school or college) of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale or equivalent); and**
- 5. Submit the following supporting materials to the HCB Scholarship Committee (please mail to the address listed on the application) Postmarked or stamped NO LATER THAN JULY 10, 2011:**
 - Copy of high school transcript -of each high school if more than one was attended, and a copy of your acceptance letter to your college or vocational or trade school (if you have completed at least one semester of college or you are a college graduate, then you may but do not have to submit your high school transcripts or a college acceptance letter- please see below);**

- **If you have earned any college or vocational school credits already, please submit copies of your academic transcript(s) from ALL post-secondary schools attended;**
- **2 letters of recommendation not more than 2 years old.**
- **Documentation certifying vision impairment by a licensed professional such as a doctor or a vocational rehabilitation counselor; and**
- **Completed Houston Council of the Blind (“HCB”) Scholarship application (enclosed).**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED or certified as shipped BY JULY 10, 2011.

Applicants will be considered on the basis of academic achievement, community service, and financial need. All decisions will be made and recipients notified by July 29, 2011.

The scholarships will be presented on Saturday August 20, 2011, at the Houston Council of the Blind Scholarships Award Luncheon.

Yours truly,

Linda Bradley
Chair of the Scholarship Committee

Houston Council of the Blind

Fall 2011

Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Area Code &

Phone No. day _____ **evening** _____

Email: _____

Age _____ **Date of birth** _____ **Sex** _____

No. of dependent(s) _____

Marital status _____

VISION:

Nature of Visual Impairment _____

Visual Acuity: (right)_____ (left)_____

Visual Fields: (right)_____ (left)_____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Please list all sources and amounts of support/income for applicant and spouse, if applicable, per academic year. Mark “0” for all sources that you do not receive.

\$_____ Applicant’s net work wages per month;

\$_____ Spouse’s net work wages per month;

\$_____ Applicant’s average income and benefits from any other sources (per month);

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\$_____ Social Security, SSI, SSDI, AFDC, etc. (per month);

\$_____ Veteran’s Benefits (per month);

\$_____ Financial aid per academic year (e.g., Pell Grant, SSIG, SEOG, TOPL, College Work Study, etc.); and,

\$_____ Scholarships (list by types): May use back of page.

**Division of Blind Services Information
(Please check types of aids received)**

- Books and Supplies Voucher**
 Extra expenses money at beginning of Semester or other money or benefits to be received during the year
 Reader Services
 Tutorial Services
 Transportation (on a monthly basis)
 Other

Please Mail Application and ALL supporting documentation to:

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