

National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina
Robert M. Staley Memorial Scholarship Application

At its annual convention, the National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina awards the Robert M. Staley Memorial Scholarships. Each year, up to two outstanding legally blind students pursuing post-secondary education are chosen to receive these awards, which consist of \$1500 each and a trip to the state convention in September.

Criteria: These scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, service to the community and financial need. Each recipient must be a legal resident of North Carolina or attend an institution of higher learning in North Carolina.

Membership: The National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina is an organization dedicated to creating opportunities for all blind persons. Recipients of these scholarships need not be members.

Deadline: Applications for the Robert M. Staley Memorial Scholarships and all requested information must be received by June 30.

Intent: These awards are intended to be used to meet those expenses not otherwise covered by public resources. It is NOT the intent of the National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina that these awards be used to offset support provided by state or federal agencies. The funds may be used for the purchase of equipment, reader services, transportation or any other services or materials deemed necessary to accomplish the students' educational objectives.

Winners: The Scholarship Committee of the National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina reviews all applications and selects the winners. These outstanding students will be notified of their selection by July 31 and will be brought to the National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina Convention, at Federation expense, where they will receive their awards. The Convention is the largest gathering of blind persons in the state each year. A broad cross-section of the blind population of North Carolina will be present to discuss common problems and to plan for concerted action.

To apply for a scholarship, complete this application form and mail it and all requested attachments to:

Ann Sumner
3000 Octavia Dr.
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Direct any questions to the same address, and remember - applications must be received by the June 30 deadline. This form may be photocopied, but only if both sides are included.

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone number : () _____ Date of Birth : _____ / _____ / _____

Current status : High school senior Freshman Sophomore
 Junior Senior Graduate

School next fall : _____

Intended major : _____

Vocational goal : _____

List all secondary and post-secondary schools attended, highest class attained (HS, Fr., Soph., etc.), and cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) achieved there.

School	Class	GPA
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Describe the amount of services you receive from . . .

Social Security Disability Insurance : _____

Supplemental Security Income : _____

Division of Services for the Blind :

Reader service (number of hours or dollars) : _____

Tuition and fees : _____

Books and supplies : _____

Maintenance : _____

Transportation : _____

Other benefits : _____

Please attach the following documents to your application:

- 1) A letter of introduction. Tell us about yourself. What do you like/dislike? How has your blindness affected you? What honors and awards have you received? In what school and extra-curricular activities are you involved? Help us get to know you.
- 2) Two letters of recommendation from persons other than your parents. Only one of these may be from a teacher. Others who may write your recommendation include principals, department heads, counselors, ministers and employers. Each letter must be sealed in its own envelope by its author and sent with the rest of the application.
- 3) A current transcript from the institution you are now attending as well as transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended. If you have not yet attended such an institution or have not completed you first year of study, send a high school transcript.