



**2010 UPS for DownS**  
**Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarships**

*UPS for DownS will award \$10,000 in scholarships on behalf of the Katie MacDonald Scholarship Fund and the Angel Endurance Athlete Charity Teams.*

*At UPS for DownS we are excited about the opportunity to give young people in our community assistance in pursuing their life goals.*

**Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarships for individuals with Down syndrome**

- Two scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to individuals with Down syndrome who are pursuing full or part-time educational or job training opportunities beyond high school.
- Educational pursuits may include but are not limited to: college, junior college, trade school, vocational school, or job training.
- Scholarship applicants may combine the cost of services incurred from multiple program providers to justify the scholarship award.

**Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarships for individuals pursuing college degrees in a disability related field**

- Two scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to individuals who are pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or graduate degrees in a disability related field.
- Educational pursuits may include but are not limited to; special education, special recreation, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech pathology.

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements**

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- The applicant must be a resident of the State of Illinois at the time of application.
- Scholarship awards are one time only and the scholarship award is not renewable.

**Award Selection Consideration**

- In addition to meeting the basic eligibility qualifications, applicants will be judged on their demonstrated accomplishments, obstacles overcome, leadership, community involvement, and life goals.

**Rules and Instructions for Application**

- Complete the Application Form, providing specific information about the applicant.
- **Applications must be post marked by May 1, 2010.**
- **Scholarship awards will be announced no later than May 21, 2010.**

**For further information Contact Mike Reninger, Scholarship Committee Chairman,  
at 847-721-7880 or visit: [www.upsfordowns.org](http://www.upsfordowns.org)**



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**Checklist**

**How to Complete the Application Packet**

- **Please note: All materials submitted become the property of UPS for DownS and will not be returned.**
- All applications must be submitted in hard copy.
- All application materials (including supporting documentation) must be submitted and mailed in the same packet.
- Submit two copies of all application materials with the candidate's name on the cover of each.
- Each Application Packet should be organized as follows:
  - 1) Applicant Information Form
  - 2) Essay / Personal Statement
  - 3) Letters of Recommendation
  - 4) Additional Documentation
- **Application Packets must be postmarked by May 1, 2010.**
- **Mail the entire Application Packet (2 copies total) to:**

*UPS for DownS*  
*Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarship*  
1070 S. Roselle Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60193

**Scholarship Payments**

- Scholarship amounts will be a one-time award of up to \$2,500.
- The scholarship funds awarded are to be used solely to pay for incurred educational and job training expenses.
- All payments will be awarded directly to the institution or service provider by UPS for DownS.



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**Supporting Documentation**

- 1. The Applicant must complete and sign the enclosed Scholarship Application Form.**
- 2. The Applicant's submission must include an essay or personal statement.**
  - An essay or personal statement not to exceed one page in length should be submitted with your application.
  - It should include the applicant's accomplishments, community involvement, and future career plans.
  - The essay/personal statement should include a statement of how receipt of the scholarship will help the recipient achieve their personal goals.
  - Applicants may elect to supplement the essay or personal statement with a photo essay of up to three pages in length.
- 3. The Applicant's submission must include two letters of recommendation.** The letters must come from individuals who know the applicant well (teacher, educational assistant, principal, counselor, consultant, social worker, employer, job coach, clergy member, coach, or community member).
- 4. Additional supporting documentation may include\*:**
  - Academics - school transcripts, report cards, academic awards
  - Community Service - certificates, record of activities, awards, statements from community group leaders
  - Employment - employment history, employment training, performance reviews, statements from employers/co-workers, certificates, awards
  - Extracurricular Activities - record of activities, statements from activity leaders, certificates, awards
  - Independent Living Skills - record of progress made in acquiring skills, statement of achievement from teacher/coach
  - Advocacy - statement of how the applicant educates others on the needs of those with disabilities (teachers, peers, or the community).
  - Assistive Technology - record of technology used, how it has impacted the applicant or others

\* The above are provided as examples of the types of supporting documentation which may help the scholarship committee in their deliberations and are not required for your scholarship application to be given full consideration. Please provide any supporting documents which you believe to be relevant. Supporting documents are not limited to the above.



**UPS for DownS**

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**Application Form**

<i>Full Name</i>	
<i>Street Address</i>	
<i>City / State / Zip</i>	
<i>Gender</i>	
<i>Birthdate</i>	
<i>Parent / Guardian Name (s)</i>	
<i>Home Phone</i>	(     )
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(     )
<i>Applicant's E-Mail Address</i>	
<i>Parent / Guardian E-mail Address</i>	
<i>Applicant's High School</i>	
<i>School Address</i>	
<i>Applicant's Signature</i>	

\_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for this scholarship as an individual who has Down syndrome.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for this scholarship as an individual who is pursuing a college degree in a disability related field.