



UPS for DownS
United Parent Support for Down Syndrome
Support • Information • Community

Scholarship Program - 2012

*At UPS for DownS we are excited about the opportunity to give young people in our community assistance in pursuing their life goals. We will award **6** individual scholarships totaling **\$15,000** this year through our scholarship programs.*



Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarships:

*Two **\$2,500** scholarships will be awarded to **individuals with Down syndrome** who are pursuing educational or job training opportunities beyond high school.*

*Two **\$2,500** scholarships will be awarded to individuals who are pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or graduate degree in a **disability related field**.*



Eric Martinez Memorial Scholarships:

*One **\$2,500** scholarship will be awarded to **an individual with Down syndrome** who is pursuing educational or job training opportunities beyond high school.*

*One **\$2,500** scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or a graduate degree and **has a sibling with Down syndrome**.*

*Applications must be postmarked by **April 1, 2012***

*Scholarship awards will be announced no later than **April 22, 2012***

*Visit www.upsfordowns.org for scholarship details and applications.
Contact Mike Reninger, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at
cmreninger@upsfordowns.org with any questions.*



Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Scholarship awards are one time only and the scholarship award is not renewable.
- Past scholarship award winners may not re-apply. All other are encouraged to re-apply.
- Applicant's may apply in only one scholarship category.
- Applications must be post marked by April 1, 2012.

Award Selection Consideration

- In addition to meeting the basic eligibility qualifications, applicants will be judged on their demonstrated accomplishments, obstacles overcome, leadership and community involvement, and 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 educational or job training opportunities beyond high school.
- Educational pursuits may include but are not limited to: college, community college, trade school, vocational school, job training, or adult continuing education programs.
- Scholarship funds may be used over multiple years and be used in multiple programs.

Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarships for individuals pursuing 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 a graduate degree 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.

Eric Martinez Memorial Scholarship for an individual with Down syndrome:

- One scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to an individual with Down syndrome who is pursuing educational or job training opportunities beyond high school.
- Educational pursuits may include but are not limited to: college, community college, trade school, vocational school, job training, or adult continuing education programs.
- Scholarship funds may be used over multiple years and be used in multiple programs.

Eric Martinez Memorial Scholarship for the SIBLING of an individual with Down syndrome:

- One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or a graduate degree and has a sibling with Down syndrome.
- Having a sibling with Down syndrome brings out outstanding qualities in individuals and this scholarship will be awarded with no restriction as to the field of study.



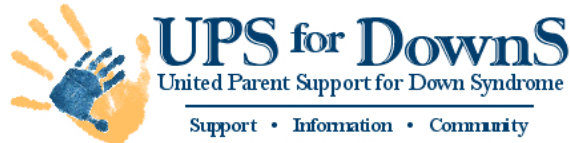
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Application Form

<i>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>High School Address</i>	
<i>Applicant's Signature</i>	

_____ *I am applying as an individual who has Down syndrome.*

_____ *I am applying as a sibling of an individual with Down syndrome.*

_____ *I am applying as an individual who is pursuing a college degree in a disability related field.*



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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 April 1, 2012.
- Mail the entire Application Packet (2 copies total) to:

UPS for DownS

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1070 S. Roselle Road

Schaumburg, IL 60193

Scholarship Payments

- The scholarship funds awarded are to be used solely to pay for incurred educational and job training expenses.
- All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the institution or service provider by UPS for DownS.



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Supporting Documentation

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.
- The essay/personal statement should include a statement of how receipt of the scholarship will help the recipient achieve their personal goals.
- It should include the applicant's accomplishments, community involvement, and future career plans.
- Applicants may elect to supplement the essay or personal statement with a photo essay of up to two pages in length.

The Applicant's submission must include two letters of recommendation.

- The letters must come from individuals who know the applicant well (i.e. teacher, educational assistant, principal, counselor, consultant, social worker, employer, job coach, clergy member, coach, community member, or family member).

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, certificates and 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. They 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.**