

2009 FCB SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

THE 2009 Florida Council of the Blind Scholarship Program consists of awards totaling \$6,250.00, which are offered to outstanding students who are enrolled in academic education or professional training beyond the high school level. There are two \$2,000.00 awards for academic and leadership excellence; a \$1,500.00 award available to an eligible applicant who is enrolled in a course of study which will increase advancement potential in his/her chosen field; and a \$750.00 scholarship to be awarded to an eligible applicant who is enrolled in a college or university as a part-time student. All applicants must have, at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

The prestigious Gayle M. Krause-Edwards \$2,000.00 scholarship requires a 3.5 grade point average to be considered. This scholarship will be awarded to one student exhibiting outstanding academic and leadership achievements.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be legally blind. That is, the applicant must have vision in the better eye of no more than 20/200 with corrective lenses OR may have vision greater than 20/200 in the better eye but with a restricted field of vision of no more than 20 degrees
2. Applicant must be a resident of the State of Florida. However, college or university doesn't necessarily have to be in Florida.
3. Applicant must have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma. (High school students who are graduating this term may also apply)
4. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college or university or be accepted for enrollment. A letter of acceptance is required.
5. Applicant must be seeking a college degree
6. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 grade point average
7. Applicants who are full-time must carry at least 12 credit hours per semester/quarter to be eligible for the \$2,000.00 award. Those who are part-time must carry a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester/quarter to be eligible for the \$750.00 award.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, WHICH MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A narrative statement regarding vocational objectives and outlook for employment in your chosen field. Please include any awards or scholarships you have received or that are pending. Part-time students must include an explanation for part-time status (e.g., employed student, family responsibilities, etc.).
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Sealed official transcript from school currently or most recently attended.
4. Letters of acceptance from accredited college or university
5. Certification of Visual Status MUST be mailed by certifying entity.

Application MUST be postmarked no later than March 31, 2009 and be accompanied by all supporting documents except CERTIFICATION OF VISUAL STATUS, which must be mailed separately.

Please forward application package to:
Florida Council of the Blind
c/o Barbara Grill
2030 Preymore Street
Osprey, FL 34229

For more information about our Scholarship Program you may contact Barbara Grill at 941-966-7056 or via email at grillbh@comcast.net.

All applications will be reviewed by the Education and Leadership Committee and the recipients of these awards will be notified prior to our State Annual Convention in June.