



Formerly the League for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and EAR Foundation

LINDA COWDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DESCRIPTION

The Linda Cowden Memorial Scholarship is a one-year scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for continuing education of D/deaf or hard of hearing students or hearing students who are preparing to work in a profession serving the D/deaf and/or hard of hearing community. **D/deaf or hard of hearing students will be given priority.**

ELIGIBILITY

- D/deaf or hard of hearing person who has been accepted into a higher education or vocational program at an accredited university, college, or school in the United States
-or-
- Hearing person who has been accepted into a program leading to a profession serving the D/deaf and hard of hearing community at an accredited university, college, or school in the United States
- Applicants must live in one of the 16 counties of Tennessee that Hearing Bridges serves (Cheatham, Davidson, DeKalb, Dickson, Houston, Maury, Macon, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Trousdale, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties)
- United States citizens only may apply
- Staff or Board members of Hearing Bridges and their relatives may not apply

TIMELINE

March 12, 2010 – Deadline for postmark of all application materials

March 14 - June 1, 2010 – Applications will be reviewed and interviews may be conducted by a panel of impartial judges

June 1, 2010 or earlier– Announcement of winner

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

The application will not be considered if all materials are not received.

- Complete typed or legibly written application
- Typed responses to short-essay questions
- Certified high school transcript, proof of GED, or a certified transcript of the last school attended*
- Two letters of reference from non-family members in separate, sealed envelopes*
- A copy of most recent audiology report, including aided and unaided audiogram for both ears (performed within the last 12 months) and any applicable information concerning cochlear implants, including age of implant (D/deaf or hard of hearing applicants only)
- Recent photo (optional)
- Interviews (judges may request interviews with finalists)
- Proof of acceptance into an academic or vocational education program (may be turned in separately during review period)

* Please note that unofficial transcripts and letters of recommendation that are not sealed in envelopes by the writer are not acceptable.

**Application and essay questions may be mailed or emailed to: nr@hearingbridges.org
Transcripts, audiology report, and letters of recommendation must be mailed.**

Linda Cowden Memorial Scholarship
Hearing Bridges
415 4th Avenue South, Suite A
Nashville, TN 37201

RECIPIENT INFORMATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Recipients are responsible for submitting to Hearing Bridges proof of acceptance into an accredited institution (i.e. junior college, college, university or technical school), school contact, school address where the tuition payment should be sent, and due date for payment of this tuition. All money will be paid directly to the educational institution.

Recipients are encouraged to write a publishable thank you note one year after the scholarship is awarded to include information on how the scholarship helped him/her.

Hearing Bridges, formerly the League for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and EAR Foundation, is a comprehensive community service agency for people who are D/deaf or hard of hearing and for their families. Services include sign language interpreting, transcription, classes in sign language and speech reading, social/recreational services, Living Well program, an interest-free loan program for the purchase of hearing aids and other assistive devices, two college scholarship programs, a youth center with after school and weekend programming, education & advocacy, and information & referral. These services are provided by the main office in Nashville, and two satellite offices in Middle Tennessee.

For more information, contact Hearing Bridges at (615) 248-8828 (V/TTY), (615) 290-5147 (Video Phone), info@hearingbridges.org, or visit www.hearingbridges.org.



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PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL OR EMAIL TO THE ADDRESS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

Date _____

Full Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Phone/ TTY/ Video number (_____) _____ Best time of day to call: _____

Email Address _____

D/deaf _____ Hard of Hearing _____ Hearing _____

Current Status: High School Senior _____ College/Voc/Tech Student _____ Working _____

Expected Major or Concentration

School(s) applying to (college, university, vocational/technical)

Term applying for: Fall 20____ Spring 20____ Summer 20____

Extracurricular Activities (High School, College/Voc. /Tech. School, Community)

Please list all clubs, sports, church groups, and community groups in which you have participated. Include dates of participation and any leadership positions held. If necessary, attach an additional sheet of paper.

Honors, Recognitions, and Awards (High School, College/Voc./Tech. School, Community)
Please list all honors, recognitions, and awards received (including dates). If necessary, attach an additional sheet of paper.

Employment History

Employer Name	Avg # of Hrs Per Week	Dates Employed	Responsibilities

Please type a response to each of the following questions on a separate page. Each answer must be 75-100 words.

1. Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship?
2. Describe a difficult situation in your life and how you handled it.
3. What kind of job do you hope to have five years from now? How do you plan to reach your goal?
4. What does a college/technical education mean to you?

Permission to Release Information

I hereby acknowledge that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I authorize the release of this information to the Hearing Bridges Scholarship committee for the purpose of evaluation and award selection.

Signature (of parent/guardian if under 18 yrs old) Date

***Application must be signed or applicant will be disqualified**