The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch (SWIDA) will be awarding $4,000 in scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students, who are diagnosed with a Specific Learning Disability (Dyslexia), hold permanent residence in New Mexico or El Paso, and are or will be attending an accredited 2-year or 4-year post-secondary institution OR Career-Technical course of study leading to a certificate or an Associate Degree.

Applications must be received by April 1, 2020 Announcement of scholarship recipients will be made by May 1, 2020. The scholarship recipient funds will be going directly to the school for education related expenses.

2020-21 SWIDA SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the goals of SWIDA is to financially assist Specific Learning Disabled (Dyslexia) individuals that are enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours in an Associate Bachelors or Masters Degree program in an accredited post-secondary institution. Career-Technical Scholarship individuals must be enrolled in a career-tech program with a minimum of 9
hours leading to a career-tech certificate or Associate Degree. Applicants can attend school either in or outside of the Southwest Branch but must have a permanent residence in the Southwest Branch (New Mexico or El Paso area).

The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch, will award these scholarships annually. The recipients of these scholarships will be announced by May 1, 2020. Selection is based upon a matrix that includes academic performance in relation to the severity of the specific learning disability, personal and professional goals, and financial need. To qualify, students must be diagnosed with a Specific Learning Disability (Dyslexia) that affects academic performance. All required materials must be submitted or postmarked by April 1, 2020.

Interested persons who meet the above criteria must complete all aspects of the application packet and send it to the SWIDA Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient’s college or university to defray educational expenses for the 2020-21 academic year.

THE APPLICANT PACKET MUST INCLUDE:

- a. Scholarship Application (attached).
- b. Letter of Intent (see attached guidelines).
- c. Current College Transcript
- d. Two Letters of Recommendation from staff or faculty members and/or learning disability specialists.
- e. Copy of a current IEP or 504 (within three years for high school graduates and 5 years for students already attending a post-graduate school) The diagnostic component MUST document that the applicant is Specific Learning Disabled with Dyslexia.
- f. Financial need statement (attached). Inclusion of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA is preferred.

SEND COMPLETED PACKET AND TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO:

International Dyslexia Association Southwest Branch
SWIDA Scholarship Committee
3915 Carlisle NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 255-8234

2020-2021 SWIDA POST-SECONDARY OR CAREER-TECHNICAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Application Due: April 1, 2020)

Date: _______________
Name: ____________________________________________________________

Married: _______  Single: _______  Dependents: _______

Permanent Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
(Verification may be requested)

City: ___________________  State: _______  Zip: ___________
Phone No. ( ) ___________  Cell No. _______________________
Email address: ____________________

Name of High School or GED program or Post Secondary Institution: _______________________________
Degree to be obtained: _______  Place: ___________  Date: ______

Post-secondary Institution plan to attend:
______________________________________  City _______  State _______

College Financial Aid Office Address of place attending in the Fall, 2020:
___________________________________________________________________________________________
City: ________________________  State: _______  Zip: ___________

Degree sought __________________________________________
Possible Major ___________________________  Possible Minor _______________________
Registered hours for the Fall semester _______  Expected graduation date _____________

Have you previously submitted a scholarship application to SWIDA?  Yes___  No___  When _______

I have reviewed and affirm that the above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant ________________________  Date ___________

The International Dyslexia Association
Southwest Branch
3915 Carlisle NE
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION for SWIDA POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Letter of Recommendation for: ____________________________________________________

The aforementioned student is applying to The International Dyslexia Association, Southwest Branch (SWIDA) for an academic scholarship. Please return this form by April 1, 2020 to SWIDA Scholarship Committee
3915 Carlisle NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 255-8234

1. Briefly indicate the time period and nature of your contact with this student.

2. What is your assessment of the applicant’s academic ability?

3. How do you view this applicant’s prospects for success in completing a post-secondary education or career tech course of study?

4. What unique factors that make this applicant especially worthy of receiving scholarship support (e.g. talent, minority status, self-directed, single-parent, low-income situation, etc.)?

5. Additional comments. (Use back of this form if necessary)

Type/print name ____________________________ Signature ____________________________
Address _______________________________ City _________________ State _______ Zip_____
Institution _______________________________ Position _____________________________
Are you a member of SWIDA?    Yes _____    No _____

The International Dyslexia Association
Southwest Branch
3915 Carlisle NE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
SWIDA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND SWIDA CAREER-TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Date: _____________________

Name: _________________________________________________________

Annual Income: ______________________

All sources/amounts of income: ______________________________________
(Employment income, family income, scholarships, grants, awards, financial aid, other).

____________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA (optional): ____________

Have you previously received a scholarship from SWIDA?

YES____            NO____            DATE________

Academic yearly expenses:

Tuition              __________________

Books                __________________

Housing              __________________

Transportation       __________________

TOTAL                __________________

Additional Comments about financial status:

____________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

I affirm that these statements present an accurate profile of my present financial status:

___________________________                        ______________________
Signature of applicant                          Date

CHECKLIST FOR 2020-21 SWIDA COLLEGE OR CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS
HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING?

_______ Scholarship application

_______ Letter of intent (see attached guidelines)

_______ Current College Transcript (sealed)

_______ Two letters of recommendation (Can be forwarded directly by instructors)

_______ Current IEP or 504 including current diagnostic evaluation (within three years for graduating high schoolers or five years for post-secondary students)

_______ Financial Statement

_______ Are you a permanent resident in the Southwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association area (New Mexico, El Paso)?

SEND ALL COMPONENTS OF APPLICATION PACKET TO:
APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2020.

SWIDA Scholarship Committee
3915 Carlisle NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 255-8234

2020-21 SWIDA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
Letter of Intent Guidelines

Your letter should include:

1. Introduction of yourself:
   a. What have you done or accomplished during your 1st through 12th grades?
   b. What are your interests (i.e. hobbies, civic organizations, clubs, etc.)
   c. What was your experience being dyslexic like during 1st -12th grades?
   d. How have you coped with your disability (both academically in school and socially)?

2. Tell us about your chosen field of study:
   a. Why have you chosen this field?
   b. What are your long range goals in your chosen career and personal life?

3. Tell us why you think you should be a recipient of this scholarship?
   a. This should include your personal character, your financial need, and how you think this scholarship will help you obtain your goals.

You may include any additional information about yourself that you feel the scholarship committee should know.