

**The International Dyslexia Association
Southwest Branch**

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SCHOLARSHIPS

2020-21

FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA for POST-SECONDARY or CAREER-TECHNICAL STUDIES

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

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**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

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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

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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 _____

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**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.****

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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.