

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND OF NEW YORK, INC.

AN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, WASHINGTON, D.C.
A SELF-HELP ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO
IMPROVING THE LIFESTYLE AND INDEPENDENCE
OF THE BLIND

RE: 2017 Scholarship Announcement and Application

To: All Eligible Students

The American Council of the Blind of New York, Inc. (ACBNY) is proud to award a five hundred-dollar (\$500) scholarship to a deserving student. The winner will be expected to attend the annual ACBNY State Convention in Utica, NY the weekend of October 20-22, 2017. Expenses for travel, lodging and meals will be covered by ACBNY.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Be legally blind in accordance with the NYSCB criteria (see NYSCB website);
- Be enrolled and in good standing (passing grades) in college, tech or trade school or other training program following high school graduation;
- Present three (3) letters of recommendation (cannot be a family member);
- Show proof of community involvement. You can use the same letter or documentation for your proof and a letter of recommendation. Said letter or document must be clearly marked as such.
- Applications and all documentation may be submitted by email or by regular mail in braille by September 1, 2017. We will not accept handwritten documents.

Application

All applicants must provide:

- Name (first and last)
- Address
- City, State and Postal Code
- Phone number
- Email address
- Date of Birth
- Best way to contact you
- Visual Status

Applicants must write an essay of no more than one thousand (1000) words encompassing all of the following three topics:

1. Why did you choose your major or program of study? What future goals do you have and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?
2. What does advocacy mean to you?
3. Explain what methods you use for doing class work (reading and writing assignments, taking notes, etc.) and why you use the methods you do.

All applicants should be aware that the top three submissions will be followed with a telephone interview by three (3) scholarship committee members.

Applications must be e-mailed to the scholarship committee chairperson, Karen Blachowicz by September 1, 2017 at:

karenabc1970@live.com

or mailed (postmarked no later than Sept. 1 2017) to:

Karen Blachowicz
29 Meridian St
Depew NY 14043.

