

Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio 2006 Scholarship Program

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) is once again pleased to be offering the DSACO Scholarship Program for 2006. The program was very successful last year and we awarded five (5) \$1,000 - \$2,000 scholarships to some of central Ohio's finest young people, including our first scholarship to a young person with Down syndrome who aspires to work in a medical lab.

For 2006, we will continue to offer scholarships for part time and full time students who are pursuing a variety of degrees. The pool of money available for scholarships is once again \$10,000 and will be disbursed in increments of \$2,000 for full time students and \$1,000 for part time students.

The final application package and program guidelines will be made available on the DSACO website (www.dsaco.net) on February 1, 2006. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2006. Final decisions will be made and announced at the spring membership meeting on April 29, 2006. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact the DSACO office at office@dsaco.net.

Who is eligible?

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or high school senior graduating in 2006.
- Applicant must be a family member (brother, sister, cousin, aunt, uncle, etc.) of a person with DS (living or deceased) OR a person with DS.
- Applicant must be pursuing a degree in one of the following areas:
 - Nursing - Education - Social Work - Medicine -Law
 - Occupational Therapy - Physical Therapy - Speech and Language Pathology
 - Other areas of study will also be considered by the scholarship committee.

When are applications available? When are applications due?

- Applications will be accepted beginning February 1, 2006 and must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2006.

What will the scholarship application consist of?

- Two (2) letters of reference.
- A one (1) page essay that addresses the specified topic as stated on the application form.
- An applicant who is currently in college will need to submit a copy of recent transcripts for review.

What can the scholarship money be used for?

- The scholarship money can be used toward tuition, books, or materials for academic needs (e.g., computer, lab fees, etc.).

How will applications be evaluated?

- A committee consisting of DSACO members, Board members and professionals will review each application.

Completed application packets should be sent to:

DSACO
Attn: Scholarship Committee
2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, OH 43219

