



Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation

Randy and Betsy Sibert Special Education Scholarship Application 2020

Name

Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation ("Foundation") Randy and Betsy Sibert Special Education Scholarship ("award").

Purpose and who is eligible

The award shall provide financial assistance to a high school senior student who desires a degree in special education. The student must currently attend Central Dauphin High School, Dauphin County Technical School, Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg Christian School or Central Dauphin East High School. The source of funds for this scholarship is from the Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation. The Foundation will receive this donation annually and will then be responsible for distribution and follow-up to a qualified candidate. The student must show proof of acceptance into a degree program before the scholarship will be issued.

Amount

The amount of the award for one academic year, if all criteria is met, can be up to \$1,000 after all other awards and grants are received, including tuition and books. There can be one award offered each year, but the total amount shall not be more than the amount received annually by the Foundation from the donor. Scholarships are based upon funds being received each year from the donor and could be subject to change.

Terms of Award

The Foundation shall give consideration to students meeting the following criteria:

Students must have unmet financial need. Students must be enrolled full time in college to be eligible.

The student must show proof to the Foundation that he or she has been accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution with a minimum of six (6) credits for each semester for a special education degree before the scholarship shall be awarded. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA overall while attending college. The student may be a recipient of another scholarship. The award may not be given for an additional academic year.

The scholarship recipient must send a transcript of their semester grades to the Foundation to show a 3.0 GPA or better to continue to receive award funds for the next semester. The recipient shall submit the invoice from the college to the Foundation for direct payment to the college they are attending. Funds will be issued on a semester basis for an amount up to five hundred (\$500) for tuition and fees, (or less if the semester costs are less) at the beginning of each semester to the college in the student's name. If any funds remain after payment of tuition and fees, the student may be reimbursed for textbooks upon submission of proper documentation. The total award for tuition, fees and textbooks will not exceed five hundred (\$500) per semester. At the completion of the first semester the student may apply for another

award up to five hundred (\$500) for the next semester if all requirements are met. The total award may not be more than one thousand (\$1,000) for one year. Any cost to the individual student over the scholarship award will be the responsibility of the student.

The Foundation will review all applications prior to the beginning of each school year and prior to the start of the following semester. Timelines will be given to the student receiving the award with dates applications are due for the next semester.

If there is no activity in this scholarship award for one (1) year from date student is notified they have been awarded the scholarship, the scholarship will terminate, and no funds will be released from that date forward.

Scholarships shall not be awarded to any member or immediate family member or relative of the Rotary Club of Colonial Park or the Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation.

Criteria

The applications submitted will be reviewed and decision of award will be based in order on: financial need, community service, school service and academic achievement with a minimum GPA of 3.0

Application Process

Students shall apply via typed hard copy only. Applications are available through each school's guidance office or on-line to download at www.colonialparkrotary.org. Applications cannot be submitted through the web site. Applications must be typed, printed and submitted in hard copy. Each application form shall be completed by the student and shall also include the following:

- 1) Final approved FAFSA form OMB 1845-0001, Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) and list the Effectuated Family Contribution; 2) an official current transcript of the student's grades with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA; 3) a letter of recommendation from the student's guidance counselor and one (1) current teacher; 4) list other awards the student has applied for; 5) a letter of recommendation from two individuals in the community who are not in the education field, nor related to the applicant, who have known the student for a minimum of five years; 6) an essay up to 300 words why the student needs the financial assistance; 7) up to a 500 word essay how obtaining a college degree in special education will contribute to the student's life aspirations, and 8) a letter of acceptance into a special education college degree program. Include any experiences (e.g. work, research, leadership, or extracurricular activities) that have been important to the student and assist in meeting the criteria. Any current working or volunteering in the Special Education field will be helpful. **Failure to submit any of the above documents will result in elimination of the application.**
- 2) The student might be asked to meet with the scholarship committee for a personal interview and will be informed of the meeting time and location. The student must be accepted into a degree program as listed in the Purpose before the scholarship will be awarded.

Scholarship Application

Full Name

Home Address

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Email Address

High School

School and Community activities – use additional paper if necessary

- 1. List your community and school service activities and years**

- 2. List your extra-curricular activities and years**

- 3. List any honors or awards you have received for schoolwork, athletics, community projects, church, etc.**

Use additional pages if necessary

Financial Information

Attach complete final approved FAFSA form OMB 1845-0001, Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

Number of family member's

Number of siblings in college

EFC as listed on FAFSA

(Completed Federal Student Aid FAFSA must be attached)

List colleges in order of preference to which you have applied. Indicate if you have been accepted.

- 1. Accepted Yes No
- 2. Accepted Yes No
- 3. Accepted Yes No

What will be your major in college?

Application Dates

Application along with all documentation for the "award" will be due no later than **April 1, 2020**. Information for this scholarship can be found on the Rotary Club of Colonial Park website www.colonialparkrotaryclub.org under the CP Rotary Foundation tab. Applications for the second semester will be announced each year on the Rotary Club of Colonial Park website as listed above.

Selection Committee

The committee shall consist of a maximum of two (2) individuals from the Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation board and up to one (1) individual from the Sibert Family.

Requirements

The student who receives this award is also required to attend the presentation of the award at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Colonial Park. Also, any other meeting of the Rotary Club of Colonial Park requiring the student attendance will be given to the student at the beginning of each semester. Each student will be asked to share with the club what this award has meant to them and provide an update each semester of the student's activities and status in writing.

Submission of Application

Please forward your 2020 application in **typed *hard copy only*** before **April 1, 2020** to: Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation, **Attn: Sibert Special Education Scholarship**, 5901 Jonestown Road, PO Box 126213, Harrisburg, PA 17112. **Scholarship applications *postmarked and received* after 5:00 pm April 1, 2020 will not be considered.**

The scholarship information can also be found on the website of the Rotary Club of Colonial Park www.colonialparkrotaryclub.org *Click on the CP Rotary Foundation tab*

Checklist of items to be submitted with application

- All parts of the application must be typed
- Scholarship application
- Federal Student Aid FAFSA – complete document including Effective Family Contribution
- Copy of high school transcript with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- A letter of recommendation from the student's guidance counselor
- A letter of recommendation from one of the student's current teachers
- A list of other scholarships the student has applied for
- A letter of recommendation from two individuals in the community, not in the education field, and not related to the applicant, who have known the student for a minimum of five years
- All documentation listed in the criteria section on page 2
- An essay up to 300 words why the student needs the financial assistance
- An essay up to 500 words how obtaining a college degree in special education will contribute to the student's life aspirations
- College/s you have applied to and which ones you have been accepted to as of date of this application
- Letter of acceptance from college attending

NO STAPLES ARE TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION

Failure to submit any of the above documents will result in elimination of the application

Complete application must be typed