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Beth Muraida Memorial Scholarship 2024

2024 EKO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Exceptional Kids Organization (EKO) recognizes the value and importance of education. In support of exceptional students, EKO will award \$500 scholarships to qualified exceptional students. The student must have, or had, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan upon graduation from High School.

Selection will be based on the student's financial need, academic merit, and/or exceptional community services. Scholarship selection is made without regard to the applicant's race, color, national origin, religious belief, sex, or physical ability.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for an EKO Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a current IEP or 504 plan or had an IEP or 504 plan upon graduation from high school education.
- 2a. Currently a graduating high school senior in a public school in the Southwest SELPA area and planning on continuing their education by one of the following:
 - ✓ 4-year University, pursuing a bachelor's degree.
 - ✓ Community college, pursuing an AA degree; or
 - ✓ Vocational training program, pursuing a diploma or certificate.
- 2b. OR, currently enrolled in one of the above post-secondary education programs.
3. Scholarship recipients must be able to provide verification of enrollment in a post-secondary education program prior to distribution of funds.
4. Scholarships are non-renewable or transferable.
5. Relatives and family members of the EKO Board of Directors are not eligible.

TO APPLY:

Applicants must submit the following items for consideration:

1. Completed EKO Scholarship application.
2. Official high school transcript or photocopy of official school records.
3. Copy of eligibility page from most recent IEP or 504 (dates must include student's senior year in high school)
4. Brief statement telling us about yourself, your plans for the future and how your disability has impacted your educational experience.

Note: (a) The student may apply by himself/herself, or
(b) The student may apply through a sponsor, such as parent, teacher, principal / program administrator.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please send application to:

Exceptional Kids Organization (Scholarship Selection Committee)

4733 Torrance Blvd., Suite 244

Torrance, CA 90503

OR Scan and send all documents to: mail@EKPTO.org Attention Scholarship Committee

DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2024**. Successful applicants will be notified by May 15, 2024

The Scholarship recipients may be requested to submit a photograph release and photograph to be used in publicizing the EKO Scholarship Program.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

All information collected on this application is kept confidential and is for the sole use of the scholarship selection

Appliant's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Name of Post-Secondary School or Program you plan to attend (if known).

Name of High School

High School City

Parent/Guardian Last Name (If applicable)

Parent/Guardian First Name

Sponsor Last Name (If applicable)

Sponsor First Name

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT (optional)

I certify that the above information is true, complete, and accurate. I authorize the release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I understand that funds will not be disbursed until after receipt of proof of enrollment in your post-secondary education program. I understand that all material submitted becomes the property of EKO.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent / Guardian (If student is under 18 Years)

Date

PHOTO RELEASE

If you are awarded one of our scholarships, we would like to share your accomplishments on our website.

I consent and authorize Exceptional Kids Organization, located at 4733 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503 to use my name and likeness in any photograph, video, or other digital media ("Photos") in any and all of its publications, including print or web-based publications.

Signature of Releasor

Date

Printed Name of Releasor

Signature of Parent or Guardian (If student is under 18 years)

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian (If student is under 18 years)

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
DUE DATE: April 15, 2024 (postmarked)

In order to be considered for the EKO Scholarship you must include the following:

- 1. Completed EKO Scholarship application.**
- 2. Official high school transcript or photocopy of official school records.**
- 3. Copy of eligibility page from most recent IEP or 504 plan covering your senior year in high school**
- 4. Personal Statement**

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For questions or additional information please contact us:

mail@EKPTO.org
888-MYEKPTO (888-693-5786)