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25 YEARS

Beth Muraida Memorial Scholarship 2027

2027 EKO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Exceptional Kids Organization (EKO) recognizes the value and importance of education. In support of exceptional students, EKO will award $1,000 scholarships to qualified exceptional students. The student must have 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.
2. 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.
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)

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.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

A digital application is preferred. You can download an application form at https://ekpto.com/scholarships-grants/
Please submit your application along with a copy of your high school transcript and a copy of your IEP/504 eligibility page to: EKO.Scholarships@gmail.com

Alternatively, applications may be mailed to:

Exceptional Kids Organization (Scholarship Selection Committee)
4733 Torrance Blvd., PBM 244
Torrance, CA 90503

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted on-line or postmarked no later than **April 10, 2027**

Successful applicants will be notified by May 8, 2027

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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

Applicant'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

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT (optional)

EKO is a non-profit, public charity 501(c)(3) organization

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please write a brief statement telling us about yourself, your plans for the future and how your disability has impacted your educational experience. You may attach pages as necessary.

I certify that the above information is true, complete, and accurate. I authorize the release of information to confirm and/or verify thisapplication. 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 (optional)

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-basedpublications.

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 10, 2027
(submitted on-line or 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**

Scan and send all documents to: EKO.Scholarships@gmail.com

Or Mail applications and all supporting statements/documents to:

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For questions or additional information please contact us:
EKO.Scholarships@gmail.com
888-MYEKPTO (888-693-5786