January, 2017

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota announces its 2017 scholarship program. This year we will be awarding one scholarship for $1,500 and one scholarship for $1000 to qualified applicants. In addition to the monetary award, one of the winners will have expenses paid to attend the annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind from July 10 through July 15 In Orlando, Florida. At the convention, the scholarship winner will have the opportunity to meet other blind students from throughout the country and gain insights into succeeding as a blind person. Additionally, both winners will attend the National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota convention in Fall, 2017. The scholarships will be presented at the banquet of this convention. Candidates must be students who are legally blind and attending a post-secondary school full-time in Minnesota.

In order to apply for a scholarship, complete the attached application and include the additional required documents. If you have received this information on paper, please download an electronic copy of the application at <http://www.nfbmn.org/students/scholarship.htm>
And email the completed application to scholarships.nfbmn@gmail.com along with required attachments. If it is necessary to send this information on paper, mail to:

NFB of Minnesota Scholarships
100 East 22nd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404

The following documents must also be supplied:

1. **Personal essay from applicant**. NFB scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence and community/campus service and leadership. In your essay, discuss your academic and career goals as well as your academic, community, and/or employment experiences. Tell us about yourself and why you are a deserving recipient of the scholarship. Since the awards are restricted to legally blind people, the committee will also be interested in the techniques you use to succeed as a student who is blind.
2. **Two letters of recommendation**. You can send these via email to Scholarships.nfbmn@gmail.com
3. **Current official transcript** from institution now attending and transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended. If you have not yet completed one year of college study, submit a transcript from the high school you previously attended.

**Interview with Committee Member**: All applicants will be contacted by a member of the scholarship committee. A telephone interview will enable the committee to learn more about you and your goals for the future. The interviews will be conducted after the application deadline.

Your application, essay, letters of recommendation, and transcript(s) should be received by **April 15, 2017**.

If you or anyone else should have any questions regarding these awards, please contact me, Lori Anderson, at Scholarships.nfbmn@gmail.com or 612-270-4381. I would be happy to discuss with you what we do here in Minnesota and I invite you to visit http://www.nfbmn.org.

Additionally, the National Federation of the Blind offers 30 national scholarships each year. If you would like more information about these scholarships, visit <http://www.nfb.org/scholarships>

Sincerely,

Lori Anderson, Chairperson

Scholarship Committee, National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota

**National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota**

**2017 Scholarship Application**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you legally blind? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School currently attending\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current class standing (Freshman, sophomore, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point at this institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School attending next Fall\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated credit load\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List all postsecondary schools attended with highest class standing attained and cumulative GPA:

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High school attended and cumulative grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Awards and honors (attach list if necessary):

Community service (attach list if necessary):

Letters of recommendation: Attach two letters of recommendation or send via email (PDF, RTF, doc, docx, or txt) to Scholarships.nfbmn@gmail.com and list those writing letters here:

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Essay: NFB scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence and community/campus service and leadership. In an essay, discuss the goals you have for the future as well as your academic and community activities. Tell us about yourself and why you are a deserving recipient of the scholarship. Since the awards are restricted to legally blind people, the committee will also be interested in the techniques you use to succeed as a student who is blind. Attach an essay discussing goals, academic and community activities, and techniques you use as a blind student, or send your essay (PDF, RTF, doc or docx) to scholarships.nfbmn@gmail.com.

Transcripts: Please attach up to 3 of your most recent transcripts, or send them (PDF, RTF, doc or docx) to scholarships.nfbmn@gmail.com.