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To: Missouri Students

Subject: Scholarship Opportunities

The National Federation of the Blind of Missouri announces our

2025 Scholarship Program. We will be accepting applications until February 15, 2025. We invite all qualified candidates to apply. Applicants must be legally blind and plan to enroll in a post-secondary institution for the fall of 2025. Applicants should live in Missouri but need not be a member of the National Federation of the Blind. Scholarships begin at $750 and are based on merit. Applicants are invited to submit all information and documents online. All application materials must be received by February 15, 2025, by using the direct link below for the application and by emailing documents to Scholarships@nfbmo.org. This announcement is also available on our website at www.nfbmo.org. Acknowledgment of applications and documents will be sent upon receipt. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Scholarship Chair.

Scholarship Application Checklist

* Official application form
* Proof of legal blindness
* Student essay
* Student transcripts
* Two letters of recommendation
* A letter from an NFB of Missouri Scholarship Committee member. Contact the Scholarship Chair to arrange this interview once you complete the first 5 requirements.

Please note:

\* Letters of recommendation must not be submitted by the applicant but must come directly from the person authoring the letter.

\* In an effective essay the applicant may consider sharing about their life in a way that gives the committee insight into who they are. The essay should cover the ways in which one lives successfully as a blind person and describe personal goals for the future. Committee members give the essay a great deal of attention.

\* In addition to receiving the monetary award, the scholarship Finalist will attend the convention of the National Federation of the Blind of Missouri, April 11-13, 2025, at Stoney Creek Hotel, 2601 S Providence, Columbia, MO, 65203. Accommodation, convention registration, and planned meals during the convention will be provided. We are also happy to help coordinate transportation to ensure this is not a barrier to our scholarship class. The type of transportation assistance may vary based on where in Missouri the finalist resides and the available transportation resources in that community.

\* Throughout the convention, scholarship finalist will have an opportunity to experience the National Federation of the Blind and network with successful blind people. In addition, final interviews with the Scholarship Committee will aid the committee in determining the scholarship each finalist will receive.

\* You should know that merit scholarships from the National Federation of the Blind go directly to the winner. Therefore, students can use funds to meet expenses that other funding sources do not cover. Also, merit scholarships are viewed favorably when included on a resume.

The link to the application is available at the bottom of this announcement and on the NFB of Missouri website. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the scholarship chair.

Robin House, Chair

Scholarship Committee

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[Scholarship Application](https://forms.gle/ZqdJ34LqF1PxrsFR8)