**Instructions for Scholarship Application**

The National Federation of the Blind of Washington is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for our 2017 Scholarship Program. We will award 2 scholarships totaling $5,000 to 2 outstanding blind students in our state. The scholarships will be awarded at the banquet of our state National Federation of the Blind convention, which will be held November 3-5 at the Hotel RL, located at 2300 East Evergreen Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98502.

**All applicants must be:**

* Legally blind in both eyes
* Residents of the state of Washington
* Pursuing a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study or a part-time student who also works full-time
* Available to participate in the entire 2017 NFB of Washington state convention

In addition to a scholarship, each winner will receive assistance to attend the 2017 NFB of Washington annual convention, providing an excellent opportunity for networking with active blind persons in many different professions and occupations. The scholarships are awarded at the banquet on Saturday night of the convention. Attendance at the convention is mandatory.

**Each scholarship application must include:**

* Completed scholarship application form
* An essay describing the applicant’s abilities, academic achievements, community leadership, future goals and philosophy of blindness
* High school and/or up-to-date college transcripts
* 2 letters of recommendation

**All applicants must also contact Cindy Bennett, one of this year’s Scholarship Committee co-chairs, for a telephone interview. Cindy can be reached at** **clb5590@gmail.com** **or (828) 989-5383.**

**All completed scholarship packets must be received by Friday, September 22, 2017.**

**APPLICATION PACKETS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 22 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

**Send completed scholarship application packets to:**

Cindy Bennett

NFB of Washington

 Scholarship co-chair

Clb5590@gmail.com

Or mail to:

National Federation of the Blind of Washington

PO Box 2516

Seattle, WA 98111

If you have questions please contact Cindy Bennett.

Please feel free to make additional copies of this letter and the application form, and distribute them to any interested blind students.

**NFBW Scholarship Application Form**

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

 Date of Birth:  \_

 Home Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Current Grade Point Average:

Class standing as of fall, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Freshman - Senior, graduate student)

## Education History

 (copy and paste these fields to enter more than one high school or college attended.)

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate College: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(N/A for undergrad applicants)

Graduate School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College to be attended in Fall, 2017:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

 Career Goal:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_