Scheigert Guidelines

Fred Scheigert Scholarship Program
Introduction and Guidelines

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Fred Scheigert Scholarship offered through the Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI). Please read through the guidelines before starting to complete the application. You will need to fill out the online application completely and provide all required supporting documentation electronically as indicated. Scholarship applications must be received by 11:59 pm Eastern time on March 15 of every year.

To qualify to receive a scholarship award, you must be:

• full-time (12 units undergraduate/ 9 units graduate) college/trade/vocational student for the academic year

• minimum cumulative 3.2 Grade Point Average (GPA)

If you believe you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from meeting these conditions, such as an additional disability or work requirements, please provide us with a complete explanation.

Low Vision Requirements

Scholarships are offered to students with low vision from 20/70 in the better eye with best possible correction, or a field restricted to no greater than 30 degrees and to those who have less vision but are still able to benefit from the use of low vision devices to perform daily visual tasks.
Please complete the CCLVI Fred Scheigert Scholarship application online and submit the following documents:

The first two letters of recommendation received will be part of the application packet. Additional letters of recommendation will not be considered.

- A copy of transcript(s) from the school where you are currently enrolled or most recently attended. Applicants do not need to submit a certified copy, unless chosen as a scholarship recipient.

- Two (2) Professional/Academic Letters of Recommendation to be completed by a current or past professor, adviser, or internship coordinator. Letter of recommendation will be accepted as a Word document with electronic letterhead and signature attached to an e-mail sent to scholarship@cclvi.org, or submitted via the website.

- Verification of low vision. This can be submitted as a scanned or e-mailed letter from a certified optometrist, ophthalmologist, vocational rehabilitation counselor, vision rehabilitation therapist, low vision therapist, or orientation & mobility therapist. (Please see above for low-vision requirements.)

- A letter of acceptance from your school, or the date you will be notified of acceptance if attending a new school in next academic year. This may be submitted as a scanned PDF document.

Applicants that are chosen to receive a Scheigert Scholarship must submit the following two items to the CCLVI Scholarship Chairperson within 30 days of notification of being chosen:

- A sealed, certified copy of transcripts from the school where you are currently enrolled or most recently attended.

- A completed CCLVI Scholarship Applicant Eye Report Form from an ophthalmologist or optometrist indicating that the applicant meets low vision criteria. You must have your doctor complete CCLVI's Eye Report Form after June 1 for the year in which the scholarship is applied. No other eye report documentation will be accepted.
In addition, winners must submit proof of full-time enrollment and a financial statement/bill from their institution each semester prior to funds being remitted from CCLVI. Checks are made payable and sent directly to each winner upon receiving proper documentation.

Please note the following important information:

This is a publicized award. Additionally, as part of the finalist selection process, you may be contacted for a phone interview. Lastly, any additional information that was not requested by way of this notice will be dismissed and not included with review of your application.

CCLVI Board approved Scheigert Scholarship Winner Attendance at the American Council of the Blind National Convention.

The three students who are awarded the scholarships are expected to attend the ACB National Convention in July for the year in which the scholarship is applied. Students' expenses will be reimbursed based upon the CCLVI's Board approved reimbursement policy. Students who are unable to attend the convention must provide documentation to support a work, school or other serious and compelling reason. Preference to not travel alone or attend the convention is not a serious and compelling reason.

We want to make the application process as easy as possible for you, so please follow these steps:

• Have your school transcripts with you while completing the application. We will ask for GPA, number of courses completed, etc...

• There is a three-part essay question, as well as a question regarding your field of study (see below). Each of these four questions require answers, and have a 200 word maximum that cannot be exceeded, else your application cannot be submitted. You may start by crafting these answers in your own word processor like Word or Notepad before you start completing the application. When asked for these responses on the application, you may copy and paste your answers from your document to the online application.

• Please identify your Field of Study or Degree being pursued. What influenced your interest in the identified academic/vocational discipline? (required) (200 word max)
• Discuss your work experience, extracurricular activities that you are involved in, including school, church, and community, and describe leadership positions you have held. (required) (200 word max)

• List any awards, honors, or citations received. (required) (200 word max)

• Lastly, it is essential that you tell us how you plan to use these scholarship monies. (required) (200 word max)