

Jon Thomas Russell Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

This scholarship was established in honor of Jon Thomas Russell to assist people with physical disabilities who wish to pursue post-secondary education. Jon was an exceptional individual who valued learning. He spent much of his time reading and exploring his many scholarly interests. Jon did not allow Muscular Dystrophy to stop him from completing his Associate's Degree in American History and nearly completing a Bachelor's Degree. Through this scholarship we hope to not only instill Jon's passion for learning and knowledge but also his dedication to make this world a better place. This scholarship is intended to make obtaining a post-secondary education more accessible for students with physical disabilities and continue with Jon's belief that every person deserves the chance to reach their potential.

The scholarship will provide up to \$1000 per candidate (\$500/semester) and will be decided on a case by case basis (not limited to tuition and books). The scholarship can be awarded to a single candidate for multiple years, however, a new application is required each consecutive year. Financial need may be a criteria for applicants.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have a documented disability
- Attending/attended high school
- Scholarship recipient need not be a high school senior but may be anyone pursuing higher education, regardless of graduation date from high school
- Minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average or equivalent
- Acceptance letter from post-secondary institution

Criteria

The selection of awards to students is administered by the Jon Thomas Russell Scholarship Committee. Serious candidates may be asked to participate in a face to face interview.

- Students must submit along with the completed application:
- 1000 word personal essay stating how your disability has shaped your view of the world and you as a person.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, clergy, guidance administrator, supervisor, etc.
- Current high school transcripts
- Placement Scores

When awarded, students receiving scholarships will be notified and \$500 will be awarded directly to each receiving students. Students awarded scholarships will be asked to report academic transcripts following each active semester as a scholarship recipient. Students remain eligible for the remaining \$500 of their \$1000 scholarship if they obtain a passing status in all registered classes and remain in good standing.

Application

Full Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

E-mail Address: _____

In what activities or groups have you participated outside of school? _____

High School: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Do you have any internship/professional experience? _____

College or School you plan to attend: _____

Program or Major: _____

Check One: 4yr. Degree _____ 2yr. Degree _____ Other _____

If you checked other, please explain: _____

List any honors or awards you have received: _____

What are your long term goals after completing your degree?

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify me from being awarded the Jon Thomas Russell Scholarship For Students with Disabilities.

Sign

Date