



ENRICHMENT FUND

*Empowering People with Down Syndrome to
Pursue Post-Secondary Education*

Application

APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

Applications can be returned anytime during the year that you have an opportunity to enroll in classes or work study program.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Down Syndrome Association of North Central Iowa's (DSA of NCI) Enrichment Fund. After graduating high school, many young adults with Down syndrome are choosing to pursue post-secondary education or vocational training programs. These may include programs at community colleges, four-year universities, local vocational training programs, or any type of enrichment course that will help them prepare for their future.

While they want to continue their education, they frequently do not have the financial means to do so and financial aid is rarely available.

DSA of NCI is proud to facilitate and award scholarships to offer financial assistance toward continuing your education and encourages you to apply even if you are just thinking about applying to a program.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship

- Up to \$1,000 in scholarships will be awarded
- The scholarship must be used to pay tuition or expenses toward college, employment training, life skills training, or another institution that offers opportunities for growth

Applicant must:

- Have Down syndrome and live in the DSA of NCI servicing area
- Be a high school graduating senior or high school graduate
- Have enrolled or intend to enroll in a class or program that will enrich his or her life by helping to develop skills that can lead to employment, independent living, or in some way empower the individual to succeed.

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Application Procedure

- Applicant should complete the application as independently as possible
- The application can be typed or handwritten neatly
- Applications should be mailed to:

DSA of NCI Enrichment Fund

P.O. Box 4, Mason City, IA 50401

Application packages must include the following items to be considered.

- Part I: Applicant Information
- Part II: About Me
- Part III: Parent/Guardian Information
- Part IV: Recommendation Letters (*optional, limited to two letters per applicant*)
- Part V: Photograph
- Part VI: Short video or Powerpoint presentation (*optional*)

Notification

You will be contacted if you have been awarded a scholarship.

Questions?

If you have any questions about completing the application, please contact DSA-NCI at dsanorthcentraliowa@gmail.com (Subject Line: Enrichment Fund).

PART I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I understand that I am applying for a scholarship to help me continue studying at or enroll in a post-secondary education program or enrichment class. The information provided in the application is my own work and represents me accurately. If I am selected to receive this scholarship, I am aware that I will need to provide documentation as to how and where my scholarship money will be spent. I verify that I meet the eligibility requirements:

1. I have Down syndrome and live in the DSA of NCI servicing area.
2. I am a high school graduating senior or high school graduate.
3. I intend to continue studying or enroll in a post-secondary program or enrichment course.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

PART II: ABOUT ME

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Answers should be brief.

- 1. Name any activities, hobbies and or groups that you belong to or participate in. These can be sports, clubs, religious groups, jobs and other interests.**
- 2. What are two goals you have for your future? These can be personal or professional.**
- 3. What would you like to take a class (or classes) in?**
- 4. Why are you interested in this class (or classes)?**

5. What is the cost of your program/class per year?

6. Where do you plan to live when you take your class?

- At home with my family
- In a dorm with other students
- On my own
- Unsure
- Other (Please explain) _____

7. Which of the following will this money be used for? Check all that apply.

- Tuition
- Books
- Supplies
- Other (Please explain) _____

8. Where would you like to attend classes?

Name of School: _____

Program Name: _____

Program Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Classes, if known: _____

PART III: PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

I understand that _____ is applying for a scholarship to help with post-secondary education or enrichment course(s). I understand that documentation will need to be provided as to how and where the scholarship money will be sent. I attest that he/she meets the following eligibility requirements:

1. Has Down syndrome and lives in the DSA of NCI servicing area.
2. Is a high school graduating senior or high school graduate.
3. Intends to continue studying or enroll in a post-secondary program or enrichment course.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

PART IV: RECOMMENDATION LETTER (OPTIONAL)

Applicant's Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Recommender's Information:

Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please use a separate piece of paper to answer the following questions:

1. Define your relationship to the applicant.
2. Describe why you feel the applicant would benefit from post-secondary education, vocational training, or enrichment courses.
3. Explain the applicant's desire to learn, using examples from your relationship.

Letter should be limited to one page. Please mail your recommendation letter and this form to:

DSA of NCI Enrichment Fund
P.O. Box 4
Mason City, IA 50401

PART V: PHOTOGRAPH

Please submit at least one photograph of yourself.

PART VI: SHORT VIDEO OR POWERPOINT (OPTIONAL)

You may include a short video or Powerpoint presentation that will help us get to know you better. We would like to see what your interests are and the things and people that are important in your life. Be creative.