

Guidelines for Scholarship Awards 2006- 2007

Instructions:

Students who meet the eligibility criteria must submit the following documents together in one package postmarked no later than **Friday, December 15, 2006**.

1. An application form (see reverse) including:
2. Personal statement, additional information and signature
3. A teacher/administrator referral form (enclosed – yellow sheet) to be completed and signed by an educator who knows the candidate and can evaluate his or her academic performance.
4. A copy of the student's most recent academic transcript or report card. (You may be asked to provide an official transcript or report card at a later date.)

* Winners will be asked to provide a photograph.

Mail all application materials (items 1-4 stated above) in an envelope postmarked by **Friday, December 15, 2006** to:

*Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic
Regional Unit of Texas
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1314 West 45th Street
Austin, TX 78756*

If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bellamy at (512) 323-9390, or toll free (877) 246-7321. This application packet is available on CD upon request. Application materials are available online at www.rfb.org/Texas_Unit.htm in a text format.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for consideration, candidates must meet all five criteria:

1. Have a specific print disability such as a learning disability, physical disability or visual impairment.
2. Be registered with RFB&D either individually or through a school, and have used RFB&D's audio books within the last eighteen months.
3. Be currently enrolled as a junior or senior in high school at either a public or private school, or be currently enrolled as a college freshman or sophomore.
4. You may apply multiple years but are only eligible to win once.
5. Have an overall grade average of 3.0 or above (B average or above), or shown considerable improvement in grades.
6. Be a Texas resident or attend school in Texas or college outside of Texas.

Application:

Please type or print clearly using a blue or black pen.

Your Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Social Security # _____ Documented disability? _____

Parents' Names _____

Your Home Address: _____ City: _____

County: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone #: _____

Alternate # _____ E-Mail Address: _____

The school you are currently attending: _____

School Street Address: _____ City: _____

County: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone #: _____

How are you registered with RFB&D? Individual Membership _____ School Membership _____

Grade level _____ Overall GPA _____ Recent Semester/Quarter Grade Point _____

Personal Statement:

Please type your name on your personal statement. The essay should be no longer than two double-spaced pages. A parent or teacher may help with typing the essay but the content must be the student's original work. Write an essay in response to one of the following:

What kind of difference has using RFB&D's audiobooks made for you? (You may want to share an example of when you have used one of RFB&D's audiobooks or describe changes you have noticed in school or at home.) Based on your life experiences, what advice can you offer to a student who is struggling in school due to a print disability?

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How would you explain to students with print disabilities the reasons they should try using audio books? What should be done to help other students, teachers or family members become more aware of the many intelligent students who cannot effectively learn from reading books? and how audio books help these students achieve success?

Additional Information:

On an additional sheet of paper please include the following:

- 1) List a few of the RFB&D Audiobooks you have used in the past (no more than five)
- 2) List any of your achievements or accomplishments
- 3) List extracurricular or community activities in which you are involved

Signature:

With your signature, you pledge the following:

- 1. The personal statement I have provided is entirely my own work.
- 2. I agree to participate in RFB&D media activities and give RFB&D permission to take photographs of me and use the information I have supplied in publicity and fundraising material.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: (required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Signature: _____ Date: _____