The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (ORSC) announces the availability of the TG Public Benefit Award for the 2008-09 academic year. ORSC will award a minimum of twenty five $2,000 awards. The awards are designed to promote the retention of students with disabilities at institutions of higher education in Ohio.

Eligible Applicants

☑ Eligible applicants are students who have open postsecondary training cases with ORSC.
  Applicants may be either BVR or BSVI consumers.

☑ The award is open to consumers who are currently enrolled in any class status at a postsecondary institution and who will be pursuing a postsecondary education in the next twelve months.
  Applicants may be attending a proprietary school, vocational school, technical school, community college or four year college or university. Students must be attending a postsecondary institution in Ohio.

☑ Eligible applicants must have a minimum 2.8 grade cumulative grade point average.

Guidelines

Awards will be considered as MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS as defined by ORSC’s policies on postsecondary training. Awards may be used for educational expenses as defined by ORSC (tuition, books, supplies). If all of a consumer’s educational expenses are covered by other awards, the award may be used for other education-related expenses such as room and board.

☑ Award money will be paid directly to the postsecondary institution. Award monies will be paid on behalf of awardees only upon the receipt and verification of awardees’ actual enrollment in the postsecondary institution.

☑ Awards are for one academic year only. If the TG Public Benefit Grant Award is available again next year, awardees will be required to apply again.

Application Requirements

☑ Completed application form.
  Copy of academic transcripts. Unofficial copies acceptable.
  One page essay which addresses two areas: (1) the applicant’s career goals (2) how the applicant has had to deal with his/her disability in the college setting
  One letter of reference from a college instructor or staff member who is familiar with the applicant’s academic work, work ethic, or work in extracurricular activities. Limit reference letters to one page

Completed applications will include (1) Application form, (2) Transcripts, (3) One page personal essay, (4) One page reference letter.

Applications will be accepted by postal mail, via e-mail, or by fax. Applicant is responsible for ensuring the application package is complete. DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS TO BE POSTMARKED IS MAY 1, 2008.

- To submit applications by mail send to:
  Mike Kinney
  Rehabilitation Program Specialist for Transition and College Resources Coordinator
  Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
  400 E. Campus View Blvd. Suite 150
  Columbus, OH 43235-4604

- To submit application by e-mail, include the application form, transcripts, personal essay, and reference letters as attachments and send to: Michael.Kinney@rsc.state.oh.us

To submit applications by fax, send materials to: Mike Kinney at Fax Number 614-985-9824
Questions? Contact Mike Kinney 614-781-8717
Application for the 2008-09 academic year
TG Public Benefit Grant Award
The Ohio College Access for Persons with Disabilities Project

Applicant Information – please print legibly

Name: ____________________________________________
   Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

Date of Birth: _________________________

Social Security Number: __________________________

Home/Permanent Address: ____________________________________________

Campus Area Address (if different): ____________________________________________

School Attending: ____________________________________________

Day Phone: ________________________     Cell Phone: _______________________

RSC Counselor’s Name and Office ____________________________________________

Academic Rank (Fr, Soph, Jr, Sr) during the next coming academic year (2008-09) ________________

Expected date of graduation _________________________

Signature and Date ____________________________________________
   First, Middle, Last    ___________________________
   Date Signed

APPLICANT MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE CASE WITH THE
OHIO REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSION