August 3, 2009

An Open Letter from the LPA Front Range Chapter President(s)...

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in an LPA scholarship. What an exciting time in your life! Going to college or vocational school is a life-changing event. It is our sincerest wish that we might assist you in your educational goals. This letter contains information and pointers that may be helpful.

About LPA and our Mission....

Little People of America, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that provides support and information to people of short stature and their families. Membership is offered to those people who are usually no taller than 4'10” in height. Their short stature is generally caused by one of the more than 200 medical conditions known as dwarfism. Membership is also available to relatives and interested professionals who work with short statured individuals. Little People of America, Inc. (LPA) will assist dwarfs with their physical and developmental concerns resulting from short stature. By providing medical, environmental, educational, vocational, and parental guidance, short-statured individuals and their families may enhance their lives and lifestyles with minimal limitations. Through peer support and personal example, our members will be supportive of all those who reach out to LPA. Lastly, by networking with national and international growth-related and genetic-support groups, LPA will enhance knowledge and support of short- statured individuals.

About Scholarships...

As part of our service to people with dwarfism and the community at large, LPA offers educational scholarships to prospective and current students attending college or vocational school in the United States. Awards can range from $250 to $1000. A scholarship committee, composed of the current Front Range Chapter Officers, will selectively review all scholarship application packets.

Scholarships are given in order of preference to:

• members of LPA who have a medically diagnosed form of dwarfism
• immediate family members of dwarfs who are also paid members of LPA
• people with dwarfism who are not members of LPA
• disabled students in general
• non-disabled students who can demonstrate a need for financial educational assistance
Some Helpful Tips...

• When filling out the application, be sure to follow the instructions carefully and send the complete scholarship application packet no later than the date listed on the application. Incomplete or late packets will be rejected.
• Do not wait until the last minute to assemble your scholarship application packet. You will need to contact the people writing reference letters early, so they can return them in a timely fashion.
• Proofread, proofread, and proofread! Misspelling and bad grammar reflects badly on you, and the scholarship committee will consider this when reviewing applications. Have a friend or relative double-check your work.
• Write a letter of thanks if you receive an award. Other than being the polite thing to do, if you are planning to apply for scholarships again in the future, a thank you letter for past scholarships goes a long way in impressing the scholarship committee.
• Get involved with LPA! We are a volunteer organization and any student who has shown a willingness to volunteer his or her time will look good to the scholarship committee. Ask your local chapter or district officer how you can be of service. Indicate how you plan to help on your personal statement.
• If you need help, do not be afraid to ask! A high school counselor, college advisor, your parents, or even another college student may all be of service. Also, feel free to email your Front Range Chapter President(s) at the address listed on the application.

For more advice and information on writing a personal statements, and applying for scholarships, check out:


It is a great resource. Others can be found by searching online.

Thank you for your interest and best of luck in your educational pursuits.

Sincerely,

Terry Reed & Lori Young
Co-Presidents
Front Range Chapter
Little People of America, Inc.
LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, FRONT RANGE CHAPTER
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Front Range Chapter of LPA is proud to offer scholarships to its hardworking and enthusiastic members seeking to further their education. The current Officers will consider only complete application packets that consist of the following:

1) the attached application* filled out in its entirety
2) personal statement (no photos please) of at least 300 words
3) two (2) letters of recommendation:
   - a professional reference (counselor, instructor, employer, clergy, etc)
   - a personal reference (no family members)
4) transcripts:
   - high school transcripts, if you will be a freshman; or
   - college transcripts, if you are presently attending college

Complete packets are accepted year-round and should be mailed to:

Terry Reed
5335 Pine Ridge Road
Golden, Colorado 80403

or

Lori Young
13324 West 86th Drive
Arvada, Colorado 80005

If you have any questions, please feel free e-mail Terry at TReednboys@hughes.net or Lori at mtnhick@mac.com.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following questions carefully and answer them completely. Use a pen or type your answers. Remember that your complete application represents you to the Front Range Chapter Officers. Proofread it and your personal statement carefully, and have a friend or relative double-check it. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.

For excellent advice on writing a personal statement, check out:
http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/tasks/graduate.shtml or
A: GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: __________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________
Phone Number: _________________________________________
E-Mail Address (must be valid year-round): ______________________
Date of Birth: _______________  Gender: Male _____ Female _____
Social Security Number: ________________________________
Marital Status: _______________
How long have you been a member of LPA: ______________________
Academic year/term that you are applying for: ______________________
Major area of study: ______________________________________
Intended career: __________________________________________
Name of College/University/Vocational School you plan to attend:
________________________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________
Financial Aid Office Address: _________________________________
Financial Aid Office Phone Number: ____________________________
Financial Aid Contact Person: ________________________________

B: PARENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION

If you are still listed as a dependent for tax purposes, please answer the following questions:

Name of parents: __________________________________________
Address (if different from yours):
________________________________________________________________________

Marital status of parents
    _____Single  _____Married  _____Separated  _____Divorced  _____Widowed

If parents are divorced, with whom do you reside? ______________________
Will parents assist you financially?  Yes _____ No _____
C: EDUCATION
List all schools, colleges, and/or vocational schools you have attended, beginning with High School. Please use a separate piece of paper if needed:

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You are presently attending:
High School ____

Present GPA: __________ Overall GPA: __________

Vocational School: in your… 1st Year ____ 2nd Year ____ Other ____

Present GPA: __________ Overall GPA: __________

College: as a … Freshman___ Sophomore___ Junior ___ Senior___

Present GPA: __________ Overall GPA: __________
Number of credits accumulated: __________

Other: (Please specify)
______________________________________________________________________________
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*** PLEASE ATTACH HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS ***
D: LPA ACTIVITIES
List below, how and when you’ve been involved in LPA, offices you have held, awards received, etc. Please be specific:

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E: ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS
List organizations, clubs and extra-curricular activities other than LPA where you have been active (youth group, sports, drama, etc.)

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What are your hobbies or special interest?

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Awards/recognition you have received?

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Volunteer Service

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F: WORK EXPERIENCE
List below (or use a separate piece of paper – you may attach a resume) all positions you have held (both paid and volunteer) during the past three (3) years:

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G: OTHER FACTORS
While attending school, where would you live?
____ Home  ____ Campus dorm/room  ____ Commute  ____ Live with Relatives  ____ Other

During the last 12 months, have there been any extreme medical expenses not paid for by insurance? If so, briefly explain the situation (use a separate piece of paper if necessary).

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H: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Choose two (2) people to write letters of recommendation for you. It is strongly recommended that one of the letters come from your school counselor, instructor or professor (an employer or clergy person will suffice if not currently in school). The second letter must be from a non-school, non-family individual who knows you through work or other activities.

Letters **must** be submitted in sealed envelopes. Letters received in open or unsealed envelopes will be disregarded.

*** If you received a scholarship LAST year, you only need to submit one (1) letter of recommendation **from an academic advisor or professor**. However, this is optional and you may submit new letters of recommendation if you believe it will help your application. ***

J: PERSONAL STATEMENT
On an attached letter, write a statement of at least 300 words explaining:
1) your reasons for applying for a scholarship
2) your plans for the future
3) in what way you intend to be of service to LPA after graduation (i.e. volunteer at a conference, host meetings, serve as an officer)
4) any other information about yourself, your family, your background, and your educational achievements, which will help the committee become better informed about you
5) if you’ve received an LPA scholarship in past years (list years)
K: FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT
Academic year: ___________ Graduate Student? ___________
Student Status: ___________ Full-Time ____ Part-Time (hours):_____

List Expenses:

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L: DECLARATION

All questions must be answered completely and by the applicant, personally, in order for the application to be processed. Application information will be considered confidential and will only be reviewed by current Chapter Officers.

I have read the instructions, and completed this application to the best of my knowledge. If circumstances occur to change any of the information reported by me in this application, I understand that I must report this to the Chapter Officers.

_________________________________________    ____________________________
Signature of Applicant                        Date