

New York Urban League

The Jon Zion Scholarship for Students with Learning Challenges



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Eligibility Requirements

A candidate must be:

1. a resident of New York City;
2. diagnosed with a learning disability by an educational institution;
3. from a single-parent/guardian led household with an income level at or below the federal poverty line (for more information see: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>);
4. a high school graduate or recipient of a GED;
5. accepted as a first-term matriculating freshman at an accredited college or university in pursuit of a Baccalaureate or Associate degree at the time the award is presented;
6. and of excellent character and proven leadership ability, with a demonstrated commitment to community service and extra-curricular activities.

NOTE: Family* members of the National Urban League and Urban League affiliate employees, as well as Advisory Board members are disqualified from entering the scholarship program. *(Family is interpreted to mean immediate family members which include children, grandchildren and siblings).



Scholarship Award

SCHOLARSHIP OF \$4,500 PAID AWARDEE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER.



Application Requirements

Scholarship applicants must provide the following:

- A completed application.
- Appropriate 2008 or 2009 tax documents confirming household income level
- High School Transcript, including verification of a cumulative average of at least 80, or a cumulative GED of 250
- **A copy of any document confirming diagnosis of learning disability**
- Two letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's character, participation in school, community and extra-curricular activities.
- An essay consisting of at least 500 words, that will address the following;

While most young people can attest to the challenges faced by High School students, dealing with a learning disability can further complicate this difficult period. Describe how having a learning disability has created additional challenges for you. Be sure to describe your strategies for overcoming them.

Scholarship finalists will be contacted for an interview.



Selection Process

- › All entries must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2009 and must include a copy of your academic transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, summary of extra-curricular activities & awards and a 500 word essay.
- › Send Completed Application and Required Materials to:

New York Urban League / Education Department
204 West 136th Street
New York, NY 10030
Attn: The Jon Zion Scholarship for Students with Learning Disabilities

Download additional Applications at www.nyul.org



The Jon Zion Scholarship for Students with Learning Disabilities Application

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. DETACH FROM BOOKLET BY SEPARATING ALONG PERFORATION.)

NAME: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
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FAMILY SIZE: _____ NUMBER OF SIBLINGS: _____
NUMBER OF SIBLINGS IN COLLEGE: _____
NAME OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN: _____
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____
OCCUPATION(S): _____

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HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ BOROUGH: _____
GRADE POINT AVERAGE: 9TH GRADE _____ 10TH GRADE: _____
11TH GRADE _____ 12TH GRADE (1ST SEMESTER) _____
Please list the schools you are applying to:

COLLEGE YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND: _____
COLLEGE LOCATION: (CITY) _____ (STATE) _____
ANTICIPATED MAJOR: _____

PLEASE LIST EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS HELD (EX. HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH CHOIR, REPORTER FOR SCHOOL NEWSPAPER):

POSITION	SITE	TIME OF SERVICE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PLEASE LIST AWARDS AND HONORS YOU HAVE RECEIVED:

About the New York Urban League

For 90 years, The New York Urban League has been helping disadvantaged New Yorkers gain access to equal opportunity in employment, education, health care, housing and the civic arena.

The New York Urban League, Inc. (the "League") is one of the local affiliates of the National Urban League, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, multi-ethnic, social service organization celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2010. Through direct service delivery, advocacy, referrals, community capacity building, information dissemination and technical assistance, the League accomplishes its mission to improve social and economic conditions and opportunities for African-Americans and other people who face barriers to full participation in American society.

About Jon Zion

The Jon Zion Scholarship was established by Mr. Zion's colleagues at Robert Half International upon his retirement to honor his years of distinguished leadership and success with the company. Those who worked closely with Mr. Zion were well aware of his longstanding interest in the National Urban League and their mission to secure economic self-reliance and civil rights for African Americans and other people of color. The establishment of this scholarship was an opportunity to pay tribute to these critical objectives that Mr. Zion continues to hold dear.

This scholarship will be focused on students living in single parent households in the inner-city who have learning disabilities. The challenges for these kids are overwhelming. Yet with the right opportunities each of them can make an important contribution to their city, state and community.

Mr. Zion retired from his role as President of Eastern U.S. operations at Robert Half International in December 2008 after almost 16 years with the company. His career with the company began in New York City in March 1993 and while his geographic responsibilities expanded greatly over the years his heart remains in New York City.

With intimate insight into the particular challenges of students with learning disabilities, Mr. Zion has reserved his scholarship for applicants who are facing these obstacles. This scholarship is a tribute to Mr. Zion's continued commitment to the city of New York.



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The 2009 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	
Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person.	

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