**VIRGINIA** **ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION AND**

 **REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

**BARBARA MCCARTHY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

2013-2014

Application Deadline: January 31, 2013

This award is to honor Barbara McCarthy and her of dedication, commitment, and leadership within the field of education for persons with visual impairment in Virginia. The intent of this award is to provide financial assistance to students with exemplary academic achievements and who demonstrate a high level of interest in supporting the needs persons with visual impairment.

VA AER scholarships are limited to undergraduate or graduate students who have been admitted as full time students at an accredited college or university. The institution of higher education is to be one that prepares individuals to work with people who are visually impaired. The scholarships may be granted prior to enrollment, but payment will require verification of enrollment.

Eligibility Requirements:

* Must be a resident of Virginia or a person enrolled in a VI training program in Virginia. (\*May be out-of-state program; residents of Virginia will rate higher on rubric)
* Must be an undergraduate or graduate student with the intent to pursue licensure in the VI field.
* Applicant will send the following documents, electronically or via USPS, to the committee chair:
1. Resume/CV
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from professionals
3. A copy of a non-official transcript(s)
4. Optional: AER membership number and expiration date
5. Completed VA AER student scholarship application
6. Essay describing reason for application for scholarship.

Note: Documents may be sent sent electronically, but a hard copy must be also sent via mail in one packet. The deadline for submission is January 31st. 2013.

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 Legal Signature Date

Formal Application

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3. Permanent Address (or Name and Address of Someone Who Will Always Know Where/How to

Reach You After Graduation)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Academic Program:

 What college or university do you attend?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Who is the person in charge of your program in visual impairment?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What is the title of that person?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What is the address of that person?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. Your progress:

Your current year or status (e.g. entering program, first year)?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 When do you plan to graduate?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What are your current credit hours?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 How many credit hours do you usually take per year?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What is your current major?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What is your grade point average to date?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Who is your advisor?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Advisor's Telephone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fax\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_e-mail\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current economic support for your education (self, family funds, loans, other scholarships, etc.)

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Please have current transcript(s) sent directly to the Scholarship Committee at the address at the end of this application.

6. Written Statement:

Please provide a written statement, on the following page, that describes your career goals, your experience in the field of visual impairment, and your hopes for the coming years. Let the committee know of any special experiences or interests that pertain to the goals of VA AER. The essay should be between 500-1000 words.

7. Please mail the entire application packet to:

 Julie Lee Kay, Scholarship Committee Chair

 Virginia AER c/o Julie Lee Kay

1616 Franklin Street

Fredericksburg VA 22401

Email: Pjlkay2@aol.com or kay@hadley.edu

Phone: 540 834 0341

For inquiries about the scholarship, contact Julie Lee Kay via phone or email.

I hereby attest to the fact that the above statements and responses are factual and true.

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Legal Signature Date

Written Statement

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* The Scholarship Committee will notify the recipient by February 15th. A formal announcement about the award recipient will be made at the spring VA AER Conference. Awardees are encouraged to attend.
* The $1,000 reward will be distributed one month before the term begins.