

2021-2022

# The McGregor Scholarship Program

For Iowa Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired

## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The McGregor Scholarship Program was set up on behalf of Eudora F. McGregor to provide financial assistance for students in Iowa who are blind and visually impaired seeking post-secondary education. Scholarships are generally awarded in the amount of \$1,250.00 per semester with a maximum of \$2,500 per academic year.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be:

- Blind or visually impaired\* prior to reaching the age of 21
- An Iowa resident for at least twelve months preceding the application date
- A high school graduate or a graduating senior, or a GED recipient
- Applying for the scholarship within eight (8) years of high school graduation date or GED completion date
- Pursuing a post-secondary course of study on a full-time\*\* basis in a degree program from an accredited college, university, or vocational institution within the United States
- Maintaining a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average

\*For purposes of this scholarship, “blind or visually impaired” is defined as an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects an individual’s educational performance within the following criteria:

- a. The visual acuity in the better eye with best possible correction is 20/70 or less at distance.
- b. The visual field restriction with both eyes is 60 degrees or less (even with normal central visual acuity).

\*\* Full time student status is defined as being registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours or as otherwise defined by the accredited institution)

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND CHECKLIST**

### **New Applicants:**

This application applies to coursework beginning in Fall 2021 through the following Summer 2022. Eligible individuals must submit a completed application along with the following documents:

1. An official high school transcript or GED certificate, and official college transcript(s), if applicable.
2. A letter or documentation from the college, university or vocational institution, establishing acceptance to post-secondary studies.
3. A certificate or a letter from an ophthalmologist or optometrist certifying blindness or visual impairment including a statement of current visual acuity and visual field. Also, verification of the onset of blindness or visual impairment occurring prior to reaching the age of 21.
4. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members; i.e. academic advisors, teachers, employers.
5. A 300 to 500 word typewritten autobiographical sketch, including goals and how this scholarship award will help in the achievement of the goals.

### **Former McGregor Recipients:**

Eligible individuals who have previously received this scholarship are encouraged to apply for subsequent academic years as long as the 2.5 grade point requirement for academic term and cumulative average has been met.

This application applies to coursework beginning in Fall 2021 through the following Summer 2022. Eligible individuals must submit a completed application along with the following documents:

1. Evidence of acceptance to a new program, if transferring to another accredited college, university or vocational institution since last McGregor award.

**All application materials, including documents and signatures must be submitted by the deadline date of April 30th, 2021. Upload all required supporting materials on the electronic application form - <https://forms.gle/ZbqF9n3hGEkAwnMX9>**

**If you are unable to complete the form electronically, mail printed application and supporting documentation to:**

Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
c/o Cindy Bryan  
3501 Harry Langdon Boulevard  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

For additional information, you can contact Cindy Bryan at [cindy.bryan@iaedb.org](mailto:cindy.bryan@iaedb.org) or 712-366-3267.

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