

## **Council of Citizens with Low Vision International**

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### **CCLVI Fred Scheigert Scholarship Introduction and Guidelines**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Fred Scheigert Scholarship offered through the Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI). Please read through the guidelines before starting to complete the application. You will need to fill out the online application completely and provide all required supporting documentation electronically as indicated. Scholarship applications must be received by **11:59 pm Eastern time on February 15 2025**.

To be qualified to receive a scholarship award:

#### Low Vision Requirements

Scholarships are offered to students with low vision from 20/70 in the better eye with best possible correction, or a field no greater than 30 degrees and to those who are legally blind and have some usable vision.

You must also be:

- -full-time (12 units Freshman and Undergraduate/9 units Graduate) college, or trade/vocational student for the academic year
- -minimum cumulative 3.2 Grade Point Average (GPA)

If you believe you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from meeting these conditions, please provide us with a complete explanation.

Please complete the appropriate CCLVI Fred Scheigert Scholarship application online and submit the following documents:

- A copy of transcript(s) from the school where you are currently enrolled or most recently attended. Applicants do not need to submit a certified copy, unless chosen as a scholarship recipient.

- Two (2) Professional/Academic Letters of Recommendation, and no more, to be completed by a current or past professor, adviser, or internship coordinator.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted as a Word document with electronic letterhead and signature. The letters must be either uploaded using the form or, if privacy is required by the person submitting the recommendation emailed to [cclvischeigert@gmail.com](mailto:cclvischeigert@gmail.com).

-A letter of acceptance from your school, or the date you will be notified of acceptance if attending a new school in the next academic year. This must be submitted as specified in the application.

Applicants who are chosen to receive a Scheigert Scholarship must submit to the CCLVI Scholarship Chairperson within 30 days of notification of being chosen a sealed, certified copy of transcripts from the school where currently enrolled or most recently attended.

An ophthalmologist or optometrist must complete and submit the online CCLVI eye report form indicating that the chosen scholarship recipient meets low vision criteria. The online eye report form must be received within 50-days of selection.

In addition, winners must submit proof of full-time enrollment and a financial statement/bill from their institution each semester prior to funds being remitted from CCLVI. Checks are made payable and sent directly to each recipient upon receiving proper documentation.

*Please note the following important information:*

This is a publicized award. Additionally, as part of the finalist selection process, you may be contacted for a Zoom/phone interview. Lastly, any additional information that was not requested by way of this notice will be dismissed and not included with review of your application.

The four students who are awarded the scholarships are expected to attend the ACB National Conference and Convention in June/July for the year in which the scholarship is applied. Students' expenses will be reimbursed based upon the Board approved Reimbursement Policy. Students who are unable to attend the convention must provide documentation to support a work, school training to

get a Guide Dog, or other serious and compelling reason. Preference not to travel alone or attend the convention is not a serious and compelling reason.

We want to make the application process as easy as possible. Please follow these steps:

- Have your school transcripts available while completing the application. We will ask for GPA, number of courses completed, etc....
- There is a three-part essay question, as well as a question regarding your field of study. Each of these four questions require answers, and have a 200 word maximum that cannot be exceeded.
- Lastly, it is essential that you tell us how you plan to use these scholarship monies.