

LD Resources Foundation Inc.
Award Application 2012

LD Resources Foundation, Inc. (LDRF) is a non-profit organization incorporated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our mission is to assist young adults with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder to enter and succeed in higher education. In order to enable individuals to reach their true potential, we provide assistive technology grants, information and direction. The Foundation focuses on helping students with learning disabilities who demonstrate financial need.

AWARDS PROGRAM

LD Resources Foundation, Inc. is seeking applicants for the LDRF Awards, which are available to college students who have a diagnosed learning disability (LD). Our hope is that these awards will provide a foundation by which students can build a strong academic future.

AWARDS PROGRAM

We currently offer five awards, which are described below. You may apply for one or more of these awards using a single application.

- 1. Kurzweil Award**- Students who receive this award will be given a Kurzweil 3000 . This is a comprehensive reading, writing and learning software solution for any struggling reader, including those with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. This product is available in PC and MAC versions (a computer is not part of this award).

2. **Read&Write GOLD Award**- this USB device can be carried on a key chain and contains a collection of tools designed to make any PC or MAC computer accessible. The desired software does not have to be installed on the computer. This software includes Text To Speech, Screenshot Reader, PDF Aloud Reader with dual color highlighting tools, Dictionary, Picture Dictionary, Talking Word Processor, and writing tools that include Spell Checker, Word Prediction, and Word Wizard, which increases vocabulary, understanding and efficiency. The MIMAS Conversion Tool from CAST can be accessed directly through Read&Write GOLD, allowing alternate-format versions of textbooks and core materials to be created.

3. **Voice Recognition Award** - Dragon NaturallySpeaking for PC and Mac, provides critical speech recognition software tools that eliminate the challenge of writing for students with learning disabilities.

4. **Livescribe Award** – Captures handwritten notes and records audio. Note-taking is critical tool for a student’s academic success.

5. **LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award**- Honors those who have assisted other students in dealing with the challenges of learning disabilities (please note: this award is not based on financial need).

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for any of the LD Resources Foundation Awards, an applicant must:

- ☐ Be matriculated in a degree granting program of study at an accredited college or university (proof is required).
- ☐ Be enrolled for a minimum of 9 credits per semester at the undergraduate level or 6 credits at the graduate level.
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need, except for the LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award (documentation can include: a copy of the submitted

FAFSA, a copy of the financial aid college award letter or completing and submitting LDRF's financial disclosure form).

- ☐ Provide documentation attesting to a diagnosis of a learning disability.

IMPORTANT

For the Kurzweil award candidates with ADD/ADHD must also provide documentation of a specific learning disability that has been recently diagnosed.

LD RESOURCES FOUNDATION
AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Current address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Year graduated from High School: _____

Name of College/University you are attending: _____

Major course of study: _____

Credits earned to date: _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Are you currently receiving financial aid? _____ Yes _____ No

Award(s) for which you would like to be considered:

- ___ 1. Kurzweil Award
- ___ 2. Read&Write GOLD Award
for PC () for Mac ()
- ___ 3. Voice Recognition Award
for PC () for Mac ()
- ___ 4. Livescribe Award
- ___ 5. LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award (financial need
information does not be submitted if this is the only award you are applying
for)

Please include the following with your completed application:

- ☐ A brief biography and a narrative describing how this award will help you achieve your academic goals (one page).
 - o For the LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award, please submit a brief narrative describing how you have helped other students deal with the challenges of learning disabilities.
- ☐ Proof of current college registration.
- ☐ Current college transcript. A high school transcript is acceptable for freshman
- ☐ Proof of a learning disability (high school test results are acceptable).

Apply only by mail to:

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31 East 32nd Street Suit 607
New York, NY 10016

Tel: 646.701.0000

info@ldrfa.org

www.ldrfa.org

Please note, if you are applying *only* for the LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award, you do not have to fill out the following Financial Disclosure section of this application.

Financial Disclosure

LD Resources Foundation, Inc. (LDRF) Award programs are based on financial need. The following information is required in order to fairly and accurately evaluate the current financial need status of each applicant. This information will be held in complete confidence. All amounts must be shown in U.S. dollars. If resources are listed in foreign currency, please indicate the conversion rate used: (\$1.00 US=)

The LD Resources Foundation Award program requires verification of financial need as follows:

1. Submit a copy of your FAFSA or financial need award letter from your college.
2. If you have **NOT** filed a FAFSA form with your college, please complete and submit the following financial disclosure form.

Annual Gross Adjusted Income earned from all sources (taxable or tax free) during the previous calendar year, whether earned or received (please specify):

Student: \$ _____

Parent/Guardian: \$ _____

Source(s) of Income _____ **Amount** _____

Period Received _____

If applicable, please check which type:

- SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) – Amount \$ _____ per month
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income) – Amount \$ _____ per month
- Social Security Retirement Benefits – Amount \$ _____ per month

Are you, your spouse or family receiving any other type of income and/or government benefits? If so, please describe and indicate the yearly amount:

Does your spouse (or other family members) contribute to your income?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please specify the name and relationship of the family member from whom you

receive support, and the yearly amount you receive: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUMMARY:

INCOME:

a. Annual Income (in most recently completed calendar year)	\$ _____
b. Annual Income (anticipated in current calendar year)	\$ _____
c. Social Security	\$ _____
d. Pension	\$ _____
e. Family Contribution	\$ _____

EXPENSES:

a. Tuition & Books	\$ _____
b. Rent	\$ _____

c. General Household Expenses	\$ _____
d. Support of others	\$ _____

Requests for further financial data, such as copies of personal and/or corporate tax returns, insurance records, or letters from physicians may be required.

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____

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