

LD Resources Foundation Inc.
Award Application 2010-2011

THE ORGANIZATION

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

1. Kurzweil LearnStation Award- Students who receive this award will be given a Kurzweil 3000 LearnStation. 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. Premier Key to Access Award – The USB Premier device can be carried on a key chain and contains a collection of tools designed to make any PC computer accessible. The desired software does not have to be installed on the computer. This software includes Scan and Read Pro; Universal Reader Plus; E-Text Reader; Premier Predictor Pro; Ultimate Talking Dictionary; Talking Word Processor; PDF Magic Pro; PDF Equalizer ML; Text-to-Audio and Talking Calculator (a computer is not part of this award). A student utilizing this assistive technology will become self-reliant.

A Premier Literacy Macintosh application is now available. The Literacy Productivity “Mac Pack” software, *which must be installed on the computer*, contains the same applications as the USB Premier device for the PC described above (a computer **is not part of this award**).

3. Voice Recognition Award -Dragon NaturallySpeaking for PC and MacSpeech Dictate for MAC- Provides critical tools that eliminate the challenge of writing for students with learning disabilities.

4. Franklin Dictionary Award- Provides electronic speaking dictionaries, a critical tool for students with learning disabilities.

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

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the LDRF Awards, an applicant must:

- Be matriculated in a degree granting program of study at an accredited college or university.
- Be enrolled for a minimum of 9 credits per semester at the undergraduate level; 6 credits at the graduate level.
- Demonstrate financial need (e.g., 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 LearnStation Award, the Literacy Award and the Key to Access award, candidates with ADD/ADHD must also provide documentation of a specific learning disability that has been recently diagnosed.

LD RESOURCES AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____

Current address: _____

Telephone _____

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 for which you would like to be considered:

- _____ Kurzweil LearnStation Award
- _____ Premier Assistive Technology’s Key to Access Award
() for the PC () for the Mac
- _____ NaturallySpeaking for PC
- _____ MacSpeech Dicte for the Mac
- _____ Franklin Dictionary Award
- _____ LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award (financial need information need not be submitted for this award).

Please select only one award per student.

Please include the following with your completed application:

- A brief bio and narrative describing how this award will help you achieve your academic goals (one page).
 - For the LD Resources Foundation, Inc. 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 applicants.
- Proof of financial assistance
- Proof of a learning disability (high school test results are acceptable).

Apply only by mail to:
 LD Resources Foundation, Inc.
 31 East 32nd Street Suite 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

LDRF Award programs are based on financial need. The following information is required 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 LDRF 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 an FASFA 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 _____

Are you receiving Social Security benefits? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, 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: _____

During the past 12 months, have you received financial assistance, gifts or loans from any other source? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list each source and amount _____

Do you contribute to the support of others? If so, specify name, age, relationship, and amount per annum: _____

Do you live alone? _____ Yes _____ No

How much rent or mortgage do you pay monthly? \$ _____

What are your current annual personal living expenses, excluding housing, for you and your family (including breakdown for food, clothing, transportation, utilities and non reimbursed medical and dental care)? _____

Have you (or your family if you are a dependent) incurred any unusual expenses during this calendar year (i.e., post secondary expenses of other members of the family unit, court ordered obligations other than alimony, unusual one time expenses that are not within your or your family’s discretion, such as flood damage, necessary replacement of a well, loss due to theft, etc.)? If so please describe and indicate the dollar amount:

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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