

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENTS:

To be eligible to apply for a GCYD Scholarship you must meet the following core criteria:

Currently a graduating high school senior planning to attend post-secondary education.

A permanent resident of Connecticut (CT residents attending high school outside of the state are eligible).

Have a disability under Special Education Law or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Scholarships:

GCYD District Scholarships – **all applicants are eligible and submitted in this category.**

The Board of Education and Services for the Blind Award – applicant must be BESB client.

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services Award – applicant must be a BRS client.

CL&P and Yankee Gas Award– applicant must reside in the CL&P and Yankee Gas service area.

State Department of Education Award – preference will be given (but not limited to) students who will be pursuing post-secondary education other than a 2- or 4-year degree program, such as vocational training, one-year certificate program, trade school, or other non-degree campus-based program.

Pfizer Math and Science Award – applicant must major in a math or science field, and is a resident of southeastern CT.

Complete Part 1 (Student Information), Part 2 (Essay), and Part 3 (Scholarship Category) of the application. Please attach additional sheets as necessary, including your resumé, letters of recommendation, transcripts, and other materials to support your application.

Sign and date your application. If you are under 18 years of age, we also require a parent or guardian signature.

Submit your application to your high school guidance counselor by January 31st. Your guidance counselor must certify your application before submitting your application. **Please do not mail your application directly to GCYD!**

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/SCHOOL OFFICIAL:

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all eligible students have access to participation in this program. You can help in the following ways:

Please make staff and students aware of this scholarship opportunity by making copies of the enclosed application and instruction sheet and forwarding to your Guidance Department, Title 1 and Special Education staff. The application and instructions can also

be downloaded from any of the following websites:

www.gcyd.org

www.dss.state.ct.us/svcs/rehab.htm

www.ct.gov/dds

www.besb.state.ct.us (screen reader accessible version)

Please consider forming a committee to review submitted applications before mailing to the GCYD. Please ensure the following information is completed and/or included:

List of colleges applied to and the intended major

Essay – the essay includes the information requested (Part 2)

Scholarship Categories have been chosen (Part 3)

Student signature (and Parent/Guardian, if required)

Supporting documentation (resumé, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.)

Submit the original application and supporting materials along with one photocopy to:

**The Governor's Coalition for Youth with Disabilities
P.O. Box 2485
Hartford, CT 06146-2485**

IMPORTANT! Applications must be submitted by FEBRUARY 15th.