

**LD RESOURCES FOUNDATION INC.
APPLICATION FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
AWARD 2015-16**

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 pursuing their higher education. In order to enable individuals to reach their potential, we provide assistive technology, support, advocacy and up-to-date information on products that can help with reading, writing and studying. The Foundation focuses on helping students with learning disabilities who demonstrate financial need.

AWARDS PROGRAM

LD Resources Foundation, Inc. welcomes applications 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 achieve academic success.

We currently offer five awards, which are described below. You may apply for one or more of these awards using a single application. Please note, however, that only one technology tool is awarded to each approved applicant.

1. Read & Write Gold Award: this tool is a literacy software solution for reading, writing and research. The USB device allows easy portability and flexibility. This is a critical tool for those with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia and attention deficit disorder.

2. Kurzweil Award: the Kurzweil 3000 is a text to speech learning tool that assists with reading, writing, test-taking and study skill tools to help make curriculum accessible to all students.

3. Google ChromeBook laptop: includes Chromevox Suite of Accessibility Options from Chrome books and Voice recognition speech to text. This laptop includes capability of working flawlessly with Chrome applications and other websites and software. Chrome offers a free version of Read & Write Gold. It works with all BookShare.org downloads [.http://www.chromevox.com/index.html](http://www.chromevox.com/index.html) Chrome browser includes a built in screen reader text to speech TTS and speech to text.

4. The iPad Mini: The technology offers, as part of its operating features, built in text to speech and speech to text functions, and many accessibility apps that you can download. You can download apps from Apple's App Store for libraries that specialize in books for people with reading disabilities. Plus an iTunes card is provided as well to purchase apps. For more information, go to our website.

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

Please go to LDRFA.org and click the link for our Assistive & Adaptive Technologies section for a review of these options, and also the links. At our website you will also find more information and reviews on the technology apps software offered in this application.

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 nine credits per semester at the undergraduate or graduate level (please note: awards are not approved for students in their final year/semester of study)
- Demonstrate financial need (such as a copy of the financial aid college award letter, **or** a completed LDRF financial disclosure form (see below) with supporting documentation included (not required for LDRF Recognition Award)
- Provide recent documentation attesting to a diagnosis of a specific learning disability; a diagnosis of ADD/ADHD alone is not sufficient to be approved for an award

LD RESOURCES FOUNDATION INC. AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

(all applications must be mailed to the LD Resources Foundation office
– see end of application for address)

Student Information

Name _____

Street Address _____ **Apt #** _____

Town/City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Year graduated from High School _____

Name of College/University you are/will be attending _____

Major course of study _____

Credits earned to date _____ **Cumulative GPA** _____

Are you currently receiving financial aid? Yes No

Award(s) you wish to be considered for: (you can choose as many as you wish, but, if approved, will be awarded only one)

1. Read & Write Gold Award For Mac For PC

2. Kurzweil Award For Mac For PC

3. Google ChromeBook

4. Mini iPad

5. LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award
(financial information not needed for this award)

All Applicants: Please include the following with your completed application:

- a brief biography and an explanation of how this award will help you achieve your academic goals (no more than one page)
- proof of Fall 2015 college class full registration from Bursar's office at college/university
- current college transcript of past college classes completed. or college acceptance letter for incoming freshmen
- completed FAFSA letter or financial need award letter with household income, or attach Financial Disclosure.
- proof of a learning disability (high school testing results are acceptable)
- further information may be required

Any documents missing from an application by the postmarked deadline of December 15, 2015 may result in disqualification of eligibility.

All applications must be mailed to the address below and postmarked by December 15, 2015:

LD Resources Foundation Inc.
31 East 32 Street
Suite 607
New York, NY 10016
Attention: Awards Committee

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact us at:

Telephone: 646-701-0000 or at info@ldrfa.org

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

If Financial Need Award Letter/Completed FAFSA Application is not included

*(Financial disclosure is not needed if you are only applying for the
LD Resources Foundation Recognition Award)*

LD Resources Foundation makes its decisions to award assistive technology to applicants based on their financial need, as well as their commitment to achieving success in their college/university studies.

The LDRF award program requires verification of financial need as follows:

1. Submit a copy of your completed FAFSA and TAP, or Financial Need Award Letter from your college/university

OR

2. If you have not filed a FAFSA form with your college/university, please complete and submit the financial disclosure form below, including student loans you have applied and been accepted for. Include documentation to support the information you provide.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM FOR LDRF APPLICATION

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. Please show all amounts in U.S. dollars. If resources are listed in foreign currency, indicate the conversion rate:

\$1.00 US = _____

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

Student \$ _____ Earned \$ _____ Received \$ _____
 Parent/Guardian \$ _____ Earned \$ _____ Received \$ _____

Source(s) of Income (specify)	Amount of Each Source	Period Received

Are you receiving Social Security benefits?

If yes, check which type(s)

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

Are you, your spouse or your family receiving any other type of income and/or government benefits? Yes No

If yes, please specify

Does your spouse or other family members contribute to your income? Yes No

If yes, please specify the names and relationships of the family members 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 the amount from each

Source(s) of Income (specify)	Amount of Each Source

EXPENSES during previous calendar year

Relationship	Age

Do you live alone? Yes No

How many people live in your household? _____

Do you pay Rent or Mortgage

If yes, what is your monthly payment? \$ _____

What are your current annual personal living expenses (not including housing) for you and your family; include 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 (such as 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 yes, please describe below and indicate dollar amount

FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUMMARY:

INCOME (annual amounts):

a. Actual Annual Income last completed calendar year	\$
b. Anticipated Annual Income in current calendar year	\$
c. Social Security in last calendar year	\$
d. Pension in last calendar year	\$
e. Family Contribution in last calendar year	\$

EXPENSES (annual amounts, in last calendar year):

a. Tuition & Books	\$
b. Rent/Mortgage	\$
c. General Household Expenses.	\$
d. Support of Others	\$

Requests for further financial information to support this application may be requested.

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

Print Name
of Student _____

Signature _____

Date _____

All decisions by LD RESOURCES FOUNDATION INC. regarding applications are final and are not subject to review or appeal. We may be limited in the number of awards we can approve, based on the financial support we receive from donors, manufacturers and foundations.