

LD RESOURCES FOUNDATION Action, INC.

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARD 2017-18

Please Note: Deadline for 2017 awards is June 15, 2017

THE ORGANIZATION

LD Resources Foundation, Inc. (LDRFA) is a non-profit organization incorporated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our mission is to assist students 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. In addition, the Foundation focuses on helping students with learning disabilities who demonstrate financial need.

AWARDS PROGRAM

LD Resources Foundation Action, Inc. welcomes applications for the LDRFA 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.

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

1.Chromebook Laptop: This laptop includes capability of working with Chrome applications and other websites and software. Chrome offers a free version of Read & Write Gold. It works with all BookShare.org downloads. Chrome browser includes a built in screen reader, text to speech (TTS), and speech to text, (STT)

2.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. An iTunes card will be provided to purchase apps, such as voice dream. For more information, go to our website.

3. LD Resources Foundation Action Recognition Award: honors students who have assisted other students dealing with challenges of learning disabilities (this award is not based on financial need). Award may include assistive technology and/or iTunes card.

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 LDRFA Awards, applicants 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 (copy of the financial aid college award letter, **or** a completed LDRFA financial disclosure form (see below) with supporting documentation included
LDRFA Recognition Award: Please provide recent documentation demonstrating peer-to-peer support.
- 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 Action, INC. AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

(All applications must be mailed directly to the LD Resources Foundation Action office.)

<p>Name of Student: _____</p> <p>Current Address: Street: _____ Apartment # _____:</p> <p>Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>Year graduated from High School: _____</p> <p>College/University are/will be attending: _____</p> <p>Major course of study: _____</p> <p>Credits earned to date: _____</p> <p>Are you currently receiving financial aid? Yes _____ No _____</p>
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<p>1. Chromebook _____</p> <p>2. Mini iPad _____</p> <p>3. LD Resources Foundation Recognition Action Award _____</p>

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

- Abrief summary and an explanation of how this award will help you achieve your academic goals (no more than one page)
- Proof of Fall college class registration from at college/university Bursar's office.
- Current or past college transcripts. 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 requested.

Any documents missing from an application by the postmarked deadline of September 15, 2017 may result in disqualification of eligibility.

All applications must be mailed to the address below and postmarked by September 15, 2017:

LD Resources Foundation Action, Inc.
4 Horatio Street # 5H
New York, NY 10014

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 Action Recognition Award)

LD Resources Foundation Action 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 LDRFA 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 used (\$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? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, check which type(s) and submit documentation.

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

EXPENSES during previous calendar year

Do you contribute to the support of others? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please specify relationship and age of person you contribute support to

Do you live alone? Yes _____ No _____

How many people live in your household: _____

Do you pay rent _____ or mortgage _____? No _____

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

Current annual personal living expenses (not including housing) for you and your family; include 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? 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. Family Contribution in last calendar year	\$

EXPENSES (annual amounts):

a. Tuition & Books in last calendar year	\$
b. Rent/Mortgage in last calendar year	\$
c. General Household Expenses in l.c.y.	\$
d. Support of Others in last calendar year	\$

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 Action, 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.