



2021 UPS for DownS Scholarship Program

At UPS for DownS we are excited about the opportunity to give young people in our community assistance in pursuing their life goals. We will award **4** individual scholarships totaling **\$5,000** this year through our scholarship programs.

Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarships:



One **\$1,500** scholarship will be awarded to **individuals with Down syndrome** who are pursuing educational or job training opportunities beyond high school.

One **\$1,500** scholarship will be awarded to individuals who are **pursuing a degree** - community college, undergraduate, or graduate.

UPS for DownS Sibling Scholarship

One **\$1,500** scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or graduate degree and is the **sibling** of a person with Down syndrome.

Tiffany Diamond Memorial Scholarship

One **\$500** scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or graduate degree in a therapeutic field (e.g. Occupational, Physical, Speech Recreational, Social Work, Psychology).

Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2021

Scholarship awards will be announced no later than May 1, 2021

Visit www.upsfordowns.org for scholarship details and applications.

Contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@upsfordowns.org with any questions.

UPS for DownS Scholarships



Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarship for individual with Down syndrome:

- One \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual with Down syndrome who is pursuing educational or job training opportunities beyond high school.
- Educational pursuits may include, but are not limited to: college, community college, trade school, vocational school, job training, or adult continuing education programs.
- Scholarship funds may be used in multiple programs, but must be used within one (1) year of award.

Katie MacDonald Memorial Scholarship for individual pursuing degree in a field of their choosing:

- One \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to individual who is pursuing a degree in a field of their choosing.
 - Educational pursuits may include but are not limited to: junior college, trade school, undergraduate university or college, or graduate school.
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UPS for DownS Sibling Scholarship for the SIBLING of an individual with Down syndrome:

- One \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or graduate degree and is the sibling of a person with Down syndrome.
 - This scholarship is awarded in recognition of the fact that growing up with a sibling with Down syndrome brings out outstanding qualities in individuals. This scholarship will be awarded with no restriction as to the field of study.
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Tiffany Diamond Memorial Scholarship for individual pursuing a therapy career:

- One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a junior college, undergraduate, or graduate degree in a therapeutic field.
- Educational pursuit may include, but is not limited to: occupational therapy, physical therapy, recreational therapy, speech therapy, social work, psychology.

General Scholarship Information

Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Personal connection and/or family involvement in support of UPS for DownS activities or programs is a requirement.
- Scholarship awards are awarded one time only and the scholarship award is not renewable.
- Past scholarship award winners may not re-apply. Past applicants who did not receive a scholarship award are encouraged to re-apply.
- Applicants do not need to reside in Illinois.
- Applications must be post marked by April 1, 2021

Award Selection and Award Evaluation Criterion:

- Applicant essay or personal statement.
- Involvement with UPS for DownS and the disability community
- Letters of Recommendation.
- Academic Achievement/Independent Living Skills/Employment.
- In addition to meeting the basic eligibility qualifications, applicants will be judged on their demonstrated accomplishments, obstacles overcome, leadership, community involvement, and how your experiences with the disability community reflect the mission of UPS for DownS.

Award Payment:

- The scholarship funds awarded are to be used solely to pay for educational and job training expenses.
- All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the institution or service provider by UPS for DownS.
- All scholarship funds must be used within one (1) year of award.

Completing the Application Packet

Essay or Personal Statement

- **The Applicant's submission must include an essay or personal statement.**
- An essay or personal statement not to exceed one page in length should be submitted with the application.
- The essay should include the applicant's relationship with UPS for DownS and disability community and future career plans.
- Applicant may elect to supplement the essay or personal statement with a photo essay up to two pages in length.
- Give an example of how the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the community has affected you and how it might affect you in the future.

Letters of Recommendation

- **The Applicants submission must include two letters of recommendation.**
- The letters must come from individuals who know the applicant well (i.e. teacher, educational assistant, principal, counselor, consultant, social worker, employer, job coach, clergy member, coach, or community member).

Service Activity Sheet

- The Applicant's submission should include the Service Activity Sheet (see form provided), if applicable. Information related to: name or type of activity, estimated annual activity hours and name(s) of organization(s) involved should be included.
- For individuals without Down syndrome, the Service Activity Sheet must be submitted.

Additional Supporting Documentation (not required)

The following are provided as examples of the types of supporting documentation which may help the scholarship committee in their deliberations. Please provide any supporting documents which you believe to be relevant.

Additional supporting documentation may include:

- Academics - school transcripts, report cards, academic awards
- Record of Activities – type of activity, years and estimated hours of service and organization name.
- Honors and Awards – certificates and awards.
- Extracurricular activities – records of activities, statements from activity leaders, certificates and awards.
- Employment - employment history, employment training, performance reviews, certificates and awards
- Independent Living Skills - record of progress made in acquiring skills, statement of achievement from teacher/coach
- Advocacy - statement of how the applicant educates others on the needs of those with disabilities (teachers, peers, or the community).
- Assistive Technology - record of technology used, how it has impacted the applicant or others.

Application Packet Submission

Please note: All materials submitted become the property of UPS for DownS and will not be returned.

- All applications must be submitted in hard copy.
- All application materials (including supporting documentation) must be submitted and mailed in the same packet.
- Submit two (2) copies of all application materials with the candidate's name on the cover of each.
- Each Application Packet should be organized as follows:
 - Applicant Information Form
 - Essay/Personal Statement
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Service Activity Sheet
 - Additional Supporting Documentation

Application Packets must be postmarked by April 1, 2021.

**Mail the entire Application Packet (2 copies total) to: UPS for DownS Scholarships
1070 S. Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL 60193**

2021 UPS for DownS Scholarship Application Form

APPLICANT NAME _____
Last First Middle Initial

APPLICANT ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

APPLICANT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ YOUR PHONE () _____

GENDER _____ PARENT PHONE () _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
Last First Middle Initial

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL _____

HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

DEGREE YOU INTEND TO PURSUE (IF APPLICABLE): _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INTENDED COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OR PROGRAM:

Applicant's Signature _____

Check all that apply:

- _____ I am an individual who has Down syndrome.
- _____ I am pursuing a degree at community college, trade school, university or grad school.
- _____ I am pursuing a degree in a therapy related field.
- _____ I am a sibling of an individual with Down syndrome.

Which scholarship are you applying for? _____

**UPS for DownS Scholarship
Service Activity Spreadsheet**

| Description of Activity | Estimated Annual Activity Hours | | | | College/ Other | Organization Name |
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