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Scholarship Application

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RiSE Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 422417 Atlanta, Ga. 30342



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Application Criteria

- Must be a current high school, college bound senior, who has submitted applications to and is planning on attending an accredited College or University.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4 point scale (or equivalent).
- Must have a documented learning disability *, a diagnosis of ADHD or ADD alone does not qualify.
- Must provide a letter of reference from a teacher, high school counselor, or principal of present high school on the enclosed form. The recipient must provide RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. proof of registration to accepted college or university for the scholarship to be issued the fall semester of the same year that the award is presented.

* A Specific Learning Disability is a disorder in one or more of central nervous system processes involved in perceiving, understanding, and/or using concepts through verbal (spoken or written language) or nonverbal means. This disorder manifests itself with a deficit in one or more of the following areas: attention, reasoning, memory, communicating, reading, writing, spelling, calculation, coordination, social competence, and emotional maturity.

U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration

Application Process

The following materials must be in order, as listed below, and can be stapled, or paper clipped. All materials for each nominee must be included in one mailing and will not be returned. Only fully completed applications will be considered for the RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. award.

The winner will be contacted and announced April, 2012

Application & supportive information must be postmarked, to RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc., by February 15, 2012.

Please include:

- A fully completed and signed application.
- A complete high school transcript. Please contact the counselor of your high school to receive a copy.
- Current documentation of a learning disability. This documentation may include an I.E.P. and/or 504 plans, a letter from your psychologist who performed the educational testing or school counselor which details the diagnosis. The diagnosis of ADHD/ADD, alone, is not considered.
- A completed recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, headmaster, or principal. The form should be in a sealed envelope with the school letterhead marked envelope.
- A recent photograph.

Mail all applications to:

RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Awards Selection Committee
P.O. Box 422417
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The application should be fully completed, and signed. The answers to the questions may be legibly hand written, or typed. The punctuation, spelling and handwriting will not be a deciding factor. The judging board is looking for students who show dedication, determination and perseverance to RISE above their learning difference and have become an accomplished student with future collegiate goals in mind.

Please attach a recent photograph to the application. Please use extra paper, if you would like to elaborate.

Applicant's Basic Information

First Name:	Last Name:	E-Mail Address:	Permission to E-mail: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Address (Street, City, Zip)
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Name called:	Permission to Text: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Applicant's Parental Information

Father's First Name:	Father's Last Name:	E-Mail Address:	Permission to E-mail: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Address (Street, City, Zip)
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Profession:	Permission to Text: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Mother's First Name:	Mother's Last Name:	E-Mail Address:	Permission to E-mail: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Address (Street, City, Zip)
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Profession:	Permission to Text: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Applicant's Educational Background

High School(s)

Name of High School (1):	Year(s) attended:
Address (Street, City, Zip):	

Name of High School (2):	Year(s) attended:
Address (Street, City, Zip):	

List any special hobbies, clubs, organizations that you have participated in while in high school. This can include in school or in the community.
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Colleges & Universities you've submitted applications to:

Name of College/University	City, State	Name of College/University	City, State
Name of College/University	City, State	Name of College/University	City, State

Are you going to request assistance/accommodations from the college or university for your disability? If yes, please state the accommodations:

Additional Applicant Information:

What age did you receive a diagnosis of a learning disability? How did this diagnosis affect you?

Which subjects /areas do you feel are your strongest?

How has your learning difference made you see the world differently?

How did you hear of the RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc.?



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Essay:

Please attach a short essay on the advice that you would give a child newly diagnosed student with a learning difference.
(Please use the space provided).



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Award Requirements

The recipient must provide RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. proof of registration to accepted College or University for the scholarship to be issued the fall semester of the same year that the award is presented. The student must be enrolled in 2 or more core classes each semester or quarter. If student withdraws, the monies that have not been used shall be returned to RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. The funds can be used for tuition, books, and on campus room and board during the first year of college.

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Signature: _____

By their signature(s) hereto, the applicant and/or guardian(s) if applicable, warrants and represents and certifies that all information hereon and/or submitted herewith is true, correct, complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge, that there are no material omissions or misrepresentations, that the application is entirely the work of the applicant and that the applicant meets all of the eligibility criteria.

By signing this form, the applicant (and guardian, if under age 18) acknowledges that RISE SCHOLARSHIP Foundation, Inc. may use information provided by the applicant and/or included in the application materials, including, without limitation, applicant's name and likeness and may publish the same in furtherance of the purposes and in the sole discretion of the RISE SCHOLARSHIP Foundation, Inc. By their signature(s) the applicant and/or guardian hereby authorizes, consents and grants to RISE Foundation, Inc. the absolute right and permission to use the information provided by applicant and any information contained in the application packet, including the name, likeness, personal statement or part thereof, photograph, videotape, quotes and/or information about the applicant. including, without limitation, in any RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. publication, and/or public relations materials and further hereby waives the right to approve the finished product(s) and/or its specific use(s) and agrees to release and hold harmless the RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. from any claims, damages, or liability whatsoever from or related to the use and disclosure of such information and/or likeness.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. applicants are responsible for supplying the information required for the application to be reviewed; however, if RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. finds it necessary to contact the school, Colleges, Universities, Psychologist or school officials that were submitted in the application to request further information, I hereby allow this, and give permission to do so.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

The RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. reserves the right not to grant any scholarships for any particular year if, in its sole discretion, RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. determines that no suitable candidate has applied for such year in which case, the funds for the scholarship for that year can be carried over and applied to a scholarship the following year. The judges are comprised of various RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. board of directors and committee members.



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Letter of Reference

Please fill out completely and seal in *school letterhead envelope*. Please return to student and they will enclose in their application for RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. This form is due by **Feb. 15, 2012**.

School Information

School Name:	School Address (Street, City, Zip):
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Recommender's Information

First Name:	Last Name:	Title/Position:	E-Mail Address:	Phone:
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Applicant Information

Applicant's First Name:	Applicant's Last Name:	Grade student is currently in:	Diagnosis of the student applying:
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Please elaborate why you believe this particular student is a suitable applicant for the RISE Scholarship Foundation Inc. award. Attach second sheet, if needed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____