



Little People of America

Front Range Chapter

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An Open Letter from the LPA Front Range Chapter President(s)...

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in an LPA scholarship. What an exciting time in your life! Going to college or vocational school is a life-changing event. It is our sincerest wish that we might assist you in your educational goals. This letter contains information and pointers that may be helpful.

About LPA and our Mission....

Little People of America, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that provides support and information to people of short stature and their families. Membership is offered to those people who are usually no taller than 4'10" in height. Their short stature is generally caused by one of the more than 200 medical conditions known as dwarfism. Membership is also available to relatives and interested professionals who work with short statured individuals. Little People of America, Inc. (LPA) will assist dwarfs with their physical and developmental concerns resulting from short stature. By providing medical, environmental, educational, vocational, and parental guidance, short-statured individuals and their families may enhance their lives and lifestyles with minimal limitations. Through peer support and personal example, our members will be supportive of all those who reach out to LPA. Lastly, by networking with national and international growth-related and genetic-support groups, LPA will enhance knowledge and support of short- statured individuals.

About Scholarships...

As part of our service to people with dwarfism and the community at large, LPA offers educational scholarships to prospective and current students attending college or vocational school in the United States. Awards can range from \$250 to \$1000. A scholarship committee, composed of the current Front Range Chapter Officers, will selectively review all scholarship application packets.

Scholarships are given in order of preference to:

- members of LPA who have a medically diagnosed form of dwarfism
- immediate family members of dwarfs who are also paid members of LPA
- people with dwarfism who are not members of LPA
- disabled students in general
- non-disabled students who can demonstrate a need for financial educational assistance

Some Helpful Tips...

- When filling out the application, be sure to follow the instructions carefully and send the complete scholarship application packet no later than the date listed on the application. Incomplete or late packets will be rejected.
- Do not wait until the last minute to assemble your scholarship application packet. You will need to contact the people writing reference letters early, so they can return them in a timely fashion.
- Proofread, proofread, and proofread! Misspelling and bad grammar reflects badly on you, and the scholarship committee will consider this when reviewing applications. Have a friend or relative double-check your work.
- Write a letter of thanks if you receive an award. Other than being the polite thing to do, if you are planning to apply for scholarships again in the future, a thank you letter for past scholarships goes a long way in impressing the scholarship committee.
- Get involved with LPA! We are a volunteer organization and any student who has shown a willingness to volunteer his or her time will look good to the scholarship committee. Ask your local chapter or district officer how you can be of service. Indicate how you plan to help on your personal statement.
- If you need help, do not be afraid to ask! A high school counselor, college advisor, your parents, or even another college student may all be of service. Also, feel free to email your Front Range Chapter President(s) at the address listed on the application.

For more advice and information on writing a personal statements, and applying for scholarships, check out:

<http://www.venturescholar.org/resource/scholarships-tips.html#writing>.

It is a great resource. Others can be found by searching online.

Thank you for your interest and best of luck in your educational pursuits.

Sincerely,

Terry Reed & Lori Young
Co-Presidents
Front Range Chapter
Little People of America, Inc.

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, FRONT RANGE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Front Range Chapter of LPA is proud to offer scholarships to its hardworking and enthusiastic members seeking to further their education. The current Officers will consider only **complete** application packets that consist of the following:

- 1) the attached application* filled out in its entirety
- 2) personal statement (no photos please) of **at least** 300 words
- 3) two (2) letters of recommendation:
 - a professional reference (counselor, instructor, employer, clergy, etc)
 - a personal reference (no family members)
- 4) transcripts:
 - high school transcripts, if you will be a freshman; **or**
 - college transcripts, if you are presently attending college

Complete packets are accepted year-round and should be mailed to:

Terry Reed
5335 Pine Ridge Road
Golden, Colorado 80403

or

Lori Young
13324 West 86th Drive
Arvada, Colorado 80005

If you have any questions, please feel free e-mail Terry at TReednboys@hughes.net or Lori at mtnhick@mac.com.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following questions carefully and answer them completely. Use a pen or type your answers. Remember that your complete application represents you to the Front Range Chapter Officers. Proofread it and your personal statement carefully, and have a friend or relative double-check it. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.

For excellent advice on writing a personal statement, check out:

*<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/tasks/graduate.shtml> or
<http://www.venturescholar.org/resources/scholarships-tips.html#writing>.*

LPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Check if first-time applicant ____

A: GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address (must be valid year-round): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male ____ Female ____

Social Security Number: _____

Marital Status: _____

How long have you been a member of LPA: _____

Academic year/term that you are applying for: _____

Major area of study: _____

Intended career: _____

Name of College/University/Vocational School you plan to attend:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Financial Aid Office Address: _____

Financial Aid Office Phone Number: _____

Financial Aid Contact Person: _____

B: PARENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION

If you are still listed as a dependent for tax purposes, please answer the following questions:

Name of parents: _____

Address (if different from yours):

Marital status of parents

____Single ____Married ____Separated ____Divorced ____Widowed

If parents are divorced, with whom do you reside? _____

Will parents assist you financially? Yes ____ No ____

C: EDUCATION

List all schools, colleges, and/or vocational schools you have attended, beginning with High School. Please use a separate piece of paper if needed:

Name of School	City/State

You are presently attending:

High School _____

Present GPA: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Vocational School: in your... 1st Year _____ 2nd Year _____ Other _____

Present GPA: _____ Overall GPA: _____

College: as a ... Freshman____ Sophomore____ Junior ____ Senior____

Present GPA: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Number of credits accumulated: _____

Other: (Please specify)

***** PLEASE ATTACH HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL
TRANSCRIPTS *****

D: LPA ACTIVITIES

List below, how and when you've been involved in LPA, offices you have held, awards received, etc. Please be specific:

E: ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

List organizations, clubs and extra-curricular activities other than LPA where you have been active (youth group, sports, drama, etc.)

What are your hobbies or special interest?

Awards/recognition you have received?

Volunteer Service

F: WORK EXPERIENCE

List below (or use a separate piece of paper – you may attach a resume) all positions you have held (both paid and volunteer) during the past three (3) years:

G: OTHER FACTORS

While attending school, where would you live?

Home Campus dorm/room Commute Live
with Relatives Other

During the last 12 months, have there been any extreme medical expenses not paid for by insurance? If so, briefly explain the situation (use a separate piece of paper if necessary).

H: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Choose two (2) people to write letters of recommendation for you. It is strongly recommended that one of the letters come from your school counselor, instructor or professor (an employer or clergy person will suffice if not currently in school). The second letter must be from a non- school, non-family individual who knows you through work or other activities.

Letters **must** be submitted in sealed envelopes. Letters received in open or unsealed envelopes will be disregarded.

***** If you received a scholarship LAST year, you only need to submit one (1) letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or professor. However, this is optional and you may submit new letters of recommendation if you believe it will help your application. *****

J: PERSONAL STATEMENT

On an attached letter, write a statement of at least 300 words explaining:

- 1) your reasons for applying for a scholarship
- 2) your plans for the future
- 3) in what way you intend to be of service to LPA after graduation (i.e. volunteer at a conference, host meetings, serve as an officer)
- 4) any other information about yourself, your family, your background, and your educational achievements, which will help the committee become better informed about you
- 5) if you've received an LPA scholarship in past years (list years)

K: FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT

Academic year: _____ Graduate Student? _____

Student Status: _____ Full-Time ____ Part-Time (hours): _____

List Expenses:

	Per Semester____ (check one)	Per Quarter____	Per Year
Tuition	\$		\$
Housing	\$		\$
Books	\$		\$
Food	\$		\$
Fees	\$		\$
Other (specify)	\$		\$
Total Amount	\$		\$

List sources of funding and amounts received:

	Per Semester____ (check one)	Per Quarter____	Per Year
Grants	\$		\$
Awards/Scholarships	Please Name Scholarship		
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
Financial Aid	\$		\$
Loans (Parents)	\$		\$
Loans (Student)	\$		\$
Loans (Other-specify)	\$		\$
Total Amount	\$		\$

L: DECLARATION

All questions must be answered completely and by the applicant, personally, in order for the application to be processed. Application information will be considered confidential and will only be reviewed by current Chapter Officers.

I have read the instructions, and completed this application to the best of my knowledge. If circumstances occur to change any of the information reported by me in this application, I understand that I must report this to the Chapter Officers.

Signature of Applicant_____
Date