



**FranCenter
Robert Cleveland and Kenneth Dodge
Memorial Scholarship Award Program**

***Student Packet**

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\$500.00 Scholarships Awarded Annually

***Permission is granted to duplicate this
packet for eligible high school seniors**

FranCenter Clinic
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805 Plainfield Rd.
Darien, IL 60561

Scholarship Guidelines

Dear Student,

The FranCenter of Darien, Illinois is making scholarship funds available to learning disabled high school seniors who are enrolling in a two or four year college or university or trade school.

The definition that will be used to determine specific learning disability qualifications is taken from the State of Illinois Rules and Regulations to Govern the Administration and Operation of Special Education.

Specific learning disability--The child exhibits a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations. Such items include conditions as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and development aphasia. The term does not include children who have learning problems which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor handicaps, mental retardation, emotional disturbance, environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Illinois.
2. The applicant must show evidence that the applicant was diagnosed as learning disabled at some time in his/her elementary or secondary school years. (A photo copy of an Individual Education Plan-IEP and/or Psychological Evaluation may be used for documentation.) These will be returned if the applicant provides a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
3. These scholarships will be awarded in part on the basis of financial need
4. Upon proof of acceptance into college or university the scholarship money will be sent to the school's financial aid office.

Application Instruction for the Cleveland-Dodge Memorial Scholarship

1. A complete application consists of:
 - a) two-page application form
 - b) two personal reference forms
 - c) a wallet size or larger photo of the applicant
 - d) documentation (such as an IEP) of a diagnosed learning disability.
2. Two references are required from school personnel, a school counselor, administrator or teacher. The Personal Reference form may be duplicated to suit your needs, or a separate letter of reference may be included.
3. The application DEADLINE is May 1, 2009. **Completed** applications must be postmarked by 5/1/09 to be eligible. Applications received after this date will not be considered. If you have any questions, please call FranCenter at 630-654-8877. Mail your application to:

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4. Scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded by July 1, 2009. The applications are reviewed by the Cleveland-Dodge scholarship committee.

Community involvement (Volunteer work, charity work, leadership roles, etc.):

Work Experience (List any significant work experience in the past two years):

College/University/Trade School Choices : _____

Intended Major : _____

Briefly describe career ambitions you hope to achieve as a result of your education.

I hereby give permission to have FranCenter print a short biographical story from my application, including letters of reference, if I am chosen for this scholarship.

Applicant Signature : _____

Date : _____

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Personal Reference Form

This statement is made regarding _____
student's name

who is an applicant for the Robert Cleveland and Kenneth Dodge Scholarship Award.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Why do you think this student should receive this scholarship award? You may use the space below or submit a separate letter. The applicant has been asked to submit all information and documentation at one time so please return your completed Personal Reference Form to the applicant.

Thank you for helping and supporting this student.

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____ Day Telephone No. _____

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