Lois Ford La Bauve
Endowed Scholarship
2014-2015
Services for Students with Disabilities
Division of Diversity and Community Engagement
The University of Texas at Austin

This scholarship is given in memory of Lois Ford La Bauve. Ms. La Bauve was a Texas schoolteacher for many years and always displayed a passion for learning. From 1961-1972 La Bauve was the director of Services for the Blind and Disabled at the Texas State Library. During her tenure with the library system, Ms. La Bauve founded the Texas Talking Book program. In later life, she lost most of her sight and thus had personal experience with visual disabilities. In 2002, when Ms. La Bauve created the endowment, her daughter Louise Saxon stated, “My mother would like for the endowment to help educate more people who overcome visual disabilities and exhibit real potential for making a difference in the world.”

At least one scholarship for a minimum of $500 will be awarded in spring 2014 for use during the 2014-15 academic year. If funding is available, additional scholarships and/or scholarships of a larger monetary value will be awarded. Applications are reviewed during the spring semester and are awarded in the fall semester.

Qualifications:

Applicants for the Lois Ford La Bauve Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must have a documented disability pertaining to vision or reading ability and be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities office at UT Austin.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled students at UT Austin.
- Applicants may be any classification, but must be UT students at the time of application (spring semester) and at the time the scholarship is awarded (fall semester).
- Applicants must be in good disciplinary standing at UT Austin where good disciplinary standing means that an applicant is not on disciplinary probation at the time of application or receipt of scholarship.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing at UT Austin where good academic standing means that an applicant has a 2.5 or better GPA at the time of application and receipt of scholarship.
- Applicants should demonstrate at least a one-semester history of using academic accommodations at UT Austin or, if a new UT student, applicants should provide documented use of accommodations at another educational institution.
**Application Process:**
The application process includes your response to several supplemental questions. Please answer the below questions and email the completed document back to this address: emily.s@austin.utexas.edu. You also have the option to drop off a hard copy of your responses to the SSD office, located in the Student Services Building (SSB), Room 4.206.

**Application Deadlines:**

Applications must be submitted to the SSD office or via email to Emily.s@austin.utexas.edu by 5 PM on Friday, May 23rd 2014.

**Selection Criteria:**

A selection committee will evaluate all applications and choose recipient(s) based on the thoroughness of the information presented in the application and a demonstrated commitment to promoting awareness of visual or reading disabilities.
Lois Ford La Bauve and Louise Saxon
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Due Friday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Name:

UTEID:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Classification:

Major:

GPA:

Attach answers to the following questions.

1. In 300-500 words, please give a brief description of your visual/reading disability and how it impacts your academic endeavors.

2. List all of the accommodations you have used as a student at UT Austin and, in 300-500 words, describe a time when your accommodations were most meaningful to you.

3. In 300-500 words, please give a brief statement of your financial need and/or how you feel this scholarship will benefit you. Consider describing how this scholarship will help you meet goals for your future.

4. In 300-500 words, describe how would you encourage awareness of visual/reading disabilities among your peers or within your chosen field of study?

Certification:

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give Services for Students with Disabilities permission to verify my academic and disciplinary status.

Applicant Signature __________________________ Date _____________