

**NED C. WHEELER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR THE DEAF**  
Scholarship Award Requirements for applicants  
pursuing Associate Arts, Bachelor, Master's or Doctorate Degrees

**Applicants to the Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf must submit the following with their application form by June 30 (postmark of that date will be accepted). Check each one on the checklist provided, sign and date at the end of this form on the second page.**

1. **Verification of hearing loss.** Choose one of the following:
  - a. Audiogram – it must show a hearing loss of 55dB or greater in the better ear to be eligible.
  - b. Individual Educational Program
  - c. Attendance at a deaf school or program
  - d. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - e. Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
  - f. Doctor's letter
2. **For associate arts or bachelor's degree:** a copy of your high school diploma, and a **complete and official** transcript of high school and college (if applicable) transcripts. The transcript must show 12 credit hours per semester. **Unofficial transcripts taken from school or college website will not be accepted.**
3. **For master's or doctorate degree:** a copy of your **complete and official** college transcript from an accredited college or university, and a copy of your diploma. A college transcript is required to verify that the applicant has completed their undergraduate studies. The transcript must show 9 credit hours per semester for master's studies or 6 credit hours per semester for doctorate studies. **Unofficial transcripts taken from school or college website will not be accepted.**

***Transcripts with a grade point average of lower than 2.5 GPA and with any Ds or Fs in the last three years of schooling will automatically disqualify the applicant.***

4. Proof that you are a full-time legal resident of Utah and have resided for the last three years prior to application. **See information about residency.**
5. An **official** letter of acceptance to the college where you plan to attend and classes/credit hours for which you are enrolled, or proof of enrollment in a college as a full-time student. An undergraduate student is a student who is properly matriculated – enrolled and a full time student in a junior college, a technical or community college, a four-year college or university.
6. A statement from the **Admissions Office** of the college you plan to attend stating the number of credit hours for which you must register to maintain **full-time student status**. Applicants who carry less than a full-time load of credits are ineligible or will be denied scholarship monies.

7. TWO (2) letters of reference from persons other than members of your family, **signed and mailed** by the reference person directly to the Foundation secretary. Examples are teacher, school official, friend, neighbor, church leader, deaf leader. Emailed reference letters from the reference person directly to the Foundation secretary are acceptable. **Letters of reference are due no later than June 30.**
8. Three statements, each 50-100 words long:
  - a. Describe or explain your hearing decibel loss, cause of hearing loss, and the extent to which the hearing loss affects your ability to obtain your education,
  - b. Outline your objectives in pursuing a degree and how you will serve the deaf community in the future.
  - c. State why you need the scholarship money and how it will help you achieve your higher education goals.

At the end of the three statements, **sign your name and provide the date of signing.**

9. A copy of your SAT or ACT scores if available.
10. A head photo of yourself taken in the last 12 months prior to application.

**You also acknowledge (please check each one):**

\_\_\_ that you will come for a personal interview or agree to a VP (videophone) interview, or a mutually agreed meeting, if asked.

\_\_\_ That any omission or failure to provide any of these supporting materials will disqualify your candidacy for the scholarship. All the information requested is absolutely essential in the evaluation process.

\_\_\_ That you have enclosed ALL materials as listed above, and you understand that if you do not provide ALL materials, your application may be rejected.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

The original application form, along with all requested supporting materials, may be handed to the secretary-treasurer in person or sent by mail. If by mail, it must be postmarked by **midnight, June 30.**

It is strongly suggested that a copy of the application form and supporting materials be made and kept in your file.

The mailing address for Valerie G. Kinney is:

Valerie G. Kinney, Secretary  
Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf  
5320 South 4100 West  
Roy UT 84067-7727

For questions, you may contact her:

VP: 866-730-9580  
Fax: 888-836-2369  
Email: vkinney@comcast.net

## **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

Applicants to the Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf must prove three (3) continuous years of Utah residency immediately prior to application. You may prove residency using one or a combination of the following methods.

\* Maintained continuous Utah residency while registered as a resident student at a Utah higher educational institution for 60 credit hours. (Can be verified by transcript from the educational institution attended). OR choose one of the following:

Utah vehicle registration  
Employment in Utah  
Utah voter registration  
Utah resident income taxes  
Establishing a domicile in Utah and in no other state.

All information should clearly state the start and finish date, year(s) for which it applies and copies of the original document. **Do not send original documents.**

## **INFORMATION FOR FORMER APPLICANTS**

If you are a former applicant, you may simplify your application by:

- \* a letter requesting a scholarship and stating that you have applied before
- \* look over your old application, which will be sent to you upon request
- \* add or make changes, and update missing or incomplete information, such as:
  - most recent transcript
  - new extra-curricular activities
  - new financial information.

\* returning the whole packet, with both old and new information, by the deadline of June 30.

**TIMETABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:**

June 30 - deadline for applications

July - August - meeting to screen applications

September - scholarship winners notified

January - distribution of awards to winners upon receipt of your transcript from the last semester of school. If no transcript is received by end of January, the award will be withdrawn.

**Updated of 3-16-09**

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## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one: TTY, VP, Voice)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Present place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

How long? \_\_\_\_\_

List of extracurricular activities you have been involved in:

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List other scholarships and amounts:

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Educational Background:

Elementary Schools attended:

Name	Place	From:	To:
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Junior and Senior High Schools attended:

Name	Place	From:	To:
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Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges and Universities attended:

Name	Place	From:	To:
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Employment History of the past two years:

Place:	Address:	Dates:
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Check the method of communication you use the most

\_\_\_\_\_ oral approach \_\_\_\_\_ sign language approach

\_\_\_\_\_ combination of both oral and sign language approaches

How did you learn about the Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf?

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