

# Omaha Down Syndrome Parents Network Scholarship Program 2008 Application

## ELIGIBILITY

ODSPN offers two student scholarships. The first is open to all *undergraduate* students majoring in Special Education at an accredited Nebraska college or university. The second is for *graduate* students majoring in/receiving a certificate in Special Education at a Nebraska College or university.

**DEADLINE:** Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS - Please attach the following:

1. An essay of approximately 200 words (typed only please) that clearly communicates:
  - Why you have chosen special education as a career.
  - Why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship.
2. Two character reference letters (For example, a letter from a teacher or employer who is familiar with your capabilities and interests in this field.)
3. An outline of:
  - community and/or volunteer activities
  - extracurricular activities related to special education
  - work experience in the special education field
4. A copy of your current college transcripts

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Application for Undergraduate Scholarship (\$250)

\_\_\_ Application for Graduate Scholarship (\$500)

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

What college or university are you attending? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree are you planning to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit application and attachments to:  
Mary McHale, ODSPN, 5009 Izard Street, Omaha, NE 68132**

***Omaha Down Syndrome Parents Network  
Special Educator Award***

***Do you know someone who's worthy of  
nomination?***

The Omaha Down Syndrome Parents Network awards a \$1,500 prize to a deserving educator in the Metro area. The award will go to an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in special education teaching. This may include significant educational success for students, continuing professional development and/or the highest standards of educational quality. The educator can be nominated by students, families, professionals or their peers.

If you are interested in obtaining a Special Educator Award application, you may contact ODSPN at (402) 991-1800 or download an application at [www.odspn.org](http://www.odspn.org). Deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**Omaha Down Syndrome Parents Network  
Special Educator Award  
2008 Application**

**ELIGIBILITY**

ODSPN offers one special educator award per year. This award, in the amount of \$1,500, is open to Special Education teachers only. In addition:

- Applicants must have worked as a Special Education teacher for a minimum of 5 years in the greater Omaha area.
- Applicants must hold professional certification in the area of Special Education. This can be either a B.S. or a M.S. in Special Education.
- Must currently provide direct services to students with disabilities.

This award is awarded to an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in special education teaching. This may include significant educational success for students, continuing professional development and/or the highest standards of educational quality.

The nominations can be made by families, other professionals or students.

**DEADLINE:            Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS - Please attach the following:**

1. A completed application.
2. An essay of approximately 500 words (typed only please) that clearly communicates:  
      **"Why this teacher is an outstanding Special Education Teacher."**
3. Two character reference letters (For example, a letter from another teacher, parent or employer who is familiar with the educator's capabilities and interests in this field.)
4. An outline of:
  - Educational/professional certificates and degrees received
  - Work experience in the special education field

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Special Education position \_\_\_\_\_

***Submit application and attachments to:  
Special Educator Award, ODSPN, 5009 Iazard Street, Omaha, NE 68132***