

## **The Hall County Chapter of The Georgia Council of the Blind Scholarship Guidelines**

The Hall County Chapter of the Georgia Council of the Blind (GCB) will be awarding one or more scholarships of up to \$500.00 to a deserving student living in Hall County, Ga. or the surrounding area.

This application will be available from January 1 thru March 31 on the Georgia Council of the Blind website. Scholarships will be for one year and will be disbursed in one check at an awards ceremony in June at the end of year Hall County GCB Luncheon.

Scholarship winners are expected to become members of the Hall County GCB chapter and attend at least two meetings per year including the one in which they receive their check. The Hall County GCB would like an update from the scholarship winner about their experiences in school at a future meeting. The Hall County GCB will pay membership dues for the scholarship winner for one year.

Applications must include the following information:

- 1) A personal statement of not more than one page detailing applicant's educational goals and achievements while in high school or college. The student must also read their document in any type of media they choose to submit.
- 2) A Letter of Recommendation from an Academic Teacher, School Counselor, Disability Coordinator, or Teacher of the Visually Impaired attesting to the character and motivation of the applicant. If this letter is being emailed directly, it must be in a MS Word or Rich Text format only. Letters may be

emailed to GCB Scholarship Coordinator at [marywoodyard@comcast.net](mailto:marywoodyard@comcast.net) or mailed to Mary Woodyard, Hall County GCB Scholarship Coordinator, 1257 Edenbridge Ct., Cumming, Ga 30041.

- 3) High School Seniors must provide proof of acceptance from a post-secondary institution. Entering and transferring students must submit a notice or letter from the admissions office certifying acceptance to a post-secondary institution. If not available at the time the application is submitted, it must be submitted as soon as it is available, before the funds are disbursed at the luncheon.
  
- 4) All other students must provide certified transcripts from the school you are currently attending. Entering freshmen please include high school transcripts; undergraduate students please include undergraduate transcripts. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, a 3.0 cumulative grade point average is required. (This hard copy report may be mailed.)
  
- 5) Certification of legal blindness from an ophthalmologist, optometrist or physician. (This hard copy letter may be mailed or scanned and submitted with your application.)
  
- 6) Students may optionally submit a list of activities, honors, service activities or a resume if they would like this information to be considered.