



Ciara O'Driscoll Memorial Scholarship For Special Education 2020/2021 Application

The Ciara O'Driscoll Memorial Scholarship for Special Education is a scholarship ranging from \$500-\$1000 granted to a 2020 graduating senior who will be pursuing special education and who is currently enrolled in a full-time bachelor's degree program.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, AN APPLICANT MUST:

- Be a resident of Monroe, CT at the time of application
- Be a 2020 or 2021 Masuk High School Senior
- Have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale (or equivalent)
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a four year program in the field of Elementary Education or Secondary Education with a Special Education track at an accredited college or university.
- All applications are reviewed without regard to race, gender, religion or national origin.
- All applicant information will be kept strictly confidential and disposed of properly.
- Funds awarded by Ciara's Light Foundation are non-negotiable.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Application deadline: October 20, 2021.** *Applications received after this deadline will NOT be considered.*
- Mail the following items to the address below:

All applicants:

- ◆ One completed scholarship application. *Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.*
- ◆ *Two letters of Recommendation:* from teachers, employers or other professionals who know you well. One must be from a current Masuk teacher or counselor.
- ◆ *One Official Copy of your high school transcript (may be obtained from your guidance counselor).*

2020 Graduates must also include:

- ◆ *One official copy of your 2020-2021 college transcript*

2021 Graduates must also include:

- ◆ *Copy of college acceptance letter or explanation of plan if not attending college*

Ciara's Light Foundation Scholarship Program

c/o Lori O'Driscoll

11 Nancy Drive

Monroe, CT 06468

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD

- The recipient of the Ciara O'Driscoll Memorial Scholarship will be announced at Chasing Ciara's Light 5k/12k Trail Run at Great Hollow Lake on October 30, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori O'Driscoll at lori@ciaraslight.org.

**CIARA O'DRISCOLL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
2020/2021 APPLICATION**

I. PERSONAL/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicants name: _____

Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Parents' Marital Status (circle one):

Married Single Divorced/Separated Widowed

Parents' Income (combined income, including child support received if applicable):

\$ _____

of Dependent Children & Their Ages:

Number Ages

of Dependent Children Attending College/University Fall 2018: _____

Special Family Circumstances (if any) – *Examples of Special Family circumstances include recent divorce, death, financial problems, illness, etc.:*

II. ACADEMIC / VOCATIONAL INFORMATION

- A. List any Early Childhood Education classes you have completed during your high school career (if any).
- B. List any jobs, internships or volunteer activities you have had working with children/teens with special needs. Include a short summary of your experience, including duties, total weekly hours and duration of service.

III. EDUCATION SAVINGS

- A. Outline below your efforts to earn/save money toward your education. Include a short summary of your work experience including duties, total weekly hours and duration of service.

B. Are you working while at school or on summer break (be as specific as possible)?

C. Have you received any other grants, scholarships or financial aid toward your education?

Total Dollar Amount:

Please describe:

D. Are you working while at school or on summer break (be as specific as possible)?

IV. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

A. Basic Information

School You are Attending:

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Special Education selected: _____

B. Financial Information

Tuition:

Room/Board:

Other Fees:

Total:

V. ESSAY *(submit your essay on a separate page)*

Describe an experience that has affected your decision to pursue a career in Special Education along with your career goals. Please attach your essay double spaced, typed in 12 font Times New Roman. Essay must be a minimum of 2 pages and maximum of 4 pages.

VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION *(attach separately to application)*

Include two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers or other professionals who know you well.

VI. CERTIFICATION

I hereby declare that I have read the above statements and that all information included herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Applicant's Full Name (Printed)

Parent or Guardian's Full Name (Printed)