



AMBUCS™ Scholars **Scholarships for Therapists**

AMBUCS™, Inc is a charitable service association dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities. Due to the assistance therapists provide to people with disabilities, AMBUCS™ created the AMBUCS™ Scholars- Scholarships for Therapists Program. The goal of the program is to provide financial assistance to needy students studying therapy, which in return places trained individuals in the therapy community to help people with disabilities. Since the start of the program in 1955, AMBUCS has granted over 13,100 scholarships for students studying therapy across the United States.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States
- Applicant must document financial need
- Applicant must be accepted at the junior or senior undergraduate, or graduate level in one of the below therapy programs:
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech-Language Pathology
 - Hearing Audiology
- Program to which the student is accepted must present a curriculum ACCREDITED by the appropriate health/therapy profession authority.
- Applicant must express intent to enter clinical practice in chosen field of therapy in the United States upon completion of course of study for which aid is requested.

How to apply

On-line applications are available to all students through **www.ambucs.org**. The application is simple! Just answer the questions directly on-line and click the submit button. Applications will be sent directly to AMBUCS' scholarship database. Deadline for all online applications is April 15, 2009.

Please note that incomplete applications cannot be saved, and therefore, applications must be completed in one sitting. It is recommended that students print out a blank copy of the application, prepare the answers ahead of time, and later complete the application on-line. Students are also strongly encouraged to print out a copy of their completed application for their records. **Please do not send paper copies of applications to AMBUCS™**. Paper applications are only accepted for hardship cases.

The Semi-Finalist System

In order to streamline the application process, AMBUCS™ initiated a semi-finalist system. The semi-finalist system is designed to decrease the expense and time for students applying for scholarships, and to increase the efficiency of the process in which scholarships are awarded. The following application support documents will be required **only for students reaching the semi-finalist stage**:

- AMBUCS™ Program Acceptance/Enrollment Certification Form
- Student Personal Statement
- 2008 IRS 1040 Form

A list of all students named as semi-finalists will be posted April 22 on-line at http://www.ambucs.org/scholars/program_information.aspx. It is the students' responsibility to check this list beginning April 23. Students will not be notified of their semi-finalist status by mail.

Student Leads for Chapter Sponsorship

Once a week, beginning January 24, AMBUCS™ Resource Center, AMBUCS' national headquarters, will send local student contact information to its chapters. This contact information will be taken from the student on-line applications submitted the preceding week. If a chapter is interested in sponsoring a local student, that chapter will contact the student based on the contact information provided on the on-line application. AMBUCS™ Resource Center cannot provide students with contact information for the chapters.

**Please note that students do not need chapter sponsorship to be awarded a scholarship.* However, students can check the chapter directory on AMBUCS™ Web site to identify a local chapter.

Mid January, 2008 - April 15, 2009

Student on-line applications are accepted via www.ambucs.org.

*Students are strongly encouraged to print out their on-line application for their records **before** submitting the application electronically.*

April 15, 2009

Deadline for all student applications

April 22, 2009

Semi-Finalists are declared!

AMBUCS™ Resource Center will post a list of all semi-finalists on-line at www.ambucs.org/AScholars.htm. It is the responsibility of the students to check this list for their name. They will not be notified by mail.

May 15, 2009

All supporting documents from semi-finalists are due into AMBUCS™ Resource Center.

Supporting Documents include:

1. 2009-2010 Program Acceptance/Enrollment Certification
2. Personal Statement: one-page double-spaced, at least 10 pt. font
3. 2008 IRS 1040 Form

Early June 2009

Scholarship committee meets to award scholarships.

Mid June 2009

Awards notices are mailed to scholarship winners only.

**Semi-Finalists-
Submitting the application support documents**

If an applicant is declared as a semi-finalist, he/she will need to submit the following application support documents in the following format:

1. Social security number needs to be written in the upper right hand corner of all support documents.
2. Place the Program Acceptance/Enrollment Certificate as the top document.
3. The second document should be the personal statement, which should be typed and no more than one page, double-spaced, at least 10 pt. font.
4. Third, attach a copy of the student's 2008 IRS 1040 form. The student should include his/her parent's 1040 form if the student is parent supported (i.e. if the parent or guardian claims the student as a dependent on tax forms and helps pay the student's expenses).
5. Staple the documents together in the upper left-hand corner.

**Due to poor reproduction quality, faxes will not be accepted. Please mail all application support documents to:*

National Scholarship Committee
c/o AMBUCS™ Resource Center
PO Box 5127
High Point, NC 27262

Please Note that all of the above information is available on-line at www.ambucs.org.

Enclosures

- School Program Acceptance/Enrollment Certification
- AMBUCS™ Scholars Poster