



2009-2010

**Deb Richard
Foundation
Scholarship**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO BE
RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA:
MAY 15, 2009

Important: Retain a copy for your records

The Deb Richard Foundation Scholarship is a competitively awarded program which is available to incoming and current students with physical disabilities since birth who enroll or are currently enrolled at the University of Florida. Applicants must adhere to the following application guidelines in order to qualify for full consideration.

ALL APPLICANTS:

In order to demonstrate financial need, all applicants must complete a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA form. Send your application for FAFSA electronically or via mail to the appropriate address as indicated on the FAFSA form. **To receive full consideration, the FAFSA should be completed on-line or mailed no later than March 15, 2009.**

INITIAL APPLICANTS MUST:

- ◆ Provide an official current high school or college transcript (not a photocopy) which documents a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on all credits.
- ◆ Provide documentation of the nature and/or extent of a disability. The disability must be in one or more of the following classifications: physical impairment, hearing impairment, or visual impairment. Appropriate documentation includes, but is not limited to, a recent medical evaluation used to determine eligibility for exceptional student services, school/medical records, certification by the Division of Blind Services, or a Vocational Rehabilitation eligibility determination.
- ◆ Gain or currently have admission as a degree-seeking undergraduate student into the University of Florida.
- ◆ Have a demonstrated financial need (determined from FAFSA information).

Submit the following:

- ◆ A completed 2009-2010 application form;
- ◆ A current official transcript from your high school or college;
- ◆ Documentation of a disability(ies);
- ◆ A personal statement (no more than one double-spaced page) pertaining to your achievements, activities, career goals, and the nature of your disability(ies); and

- ◆ Three letters of recommendation addressing your academic success and potential;
- ◆ **Plus**, mail or electronically submit a completed 2009-2010 FAFSA form as indicated above.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS MUST:

Adhere to minimum enrollment, progress, and grade point average requirements of the program, plus:

- ◆ Submit a completed 2009-2010 application form;
- ◆ Mail or electronically submit a completed 2009-2010 FAFSA form as indicated above

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Application, official transcript, disability documentation, personal statement, and letters of reference must be received by University of Florida no later than May 15, 2009.

NOTIFICATION:

All applicants will be notified of their status as Deb Richard Foundation Scholarship recipients, alternate award candidates, or as students who were not selected. Notification letters will be mailed in July to the permanent address specified on the application form.

IF SELECTED, RECIPIENTS MUST:

- ◆ Complete and return an acceptance form by the date specified on your notification letter. Failure to return the acceptance form by the specified date will result in forfeiture of the award.
- ◆ First-time recipients must participate in a Deb Richard Foundation Scholarship orientation conducted by the Disability Resource Center.
- ◆ Complete a minimum of nine (9) credit hours each semester.
- ◆ Adhere to the minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average requirement of this program.
- ◆ Apply for renewal consideration for each academic year in which you desire the award. Deb Richard Foundation Scholarship recipients may qualify for the

award for up to ten (10) semesters of undergraduate study.

AWARD PAYMENT:

After verification of enrollment, the university will disburse the award on a prorated basis each academic term to eligible Deb Richard Foundation Scholarship recipients. The dollar amount of the 2009-2010 awards is contingent upon the level of funding from the Deb Richard Foundation.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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**University of Florida
Deb Richard Foundation Scholarship
2009-2010 Application Form**

This form and supporting application materials must be received by the University of Florida no later than May 15, 2009. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All applicants must also complete a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form or Renewal FAFSA form on-line or mail it to the address indicated on the FAFSA form by March 15, 2009 in order to receive full consideration.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

___ Initial Application

___ Renewal Application

UF ID: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Current Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

CHECK ALL DISABLING CONDITION(S) THAT APPLY:

___ Physical
Impairment

___ Hearing
Impairment

___ Visual
Impairment

HAVE YOU BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY? ___ Yes ___ No
(check one)

CURRENT CUMULATIVE GPA: _____

2009-2010 ACADEMIC LEVEL (check one):

___ Freshman

___ Sophomore

___ Junior

___ Senior

ANTICIPATED UNIVERSITY GRADUATION DATE: _____

CITIZENSHIP STATUS (check one):

- I am a U.S. citizen.
- I am a permanent resident alien.
- I am a non-U.S. citizen or non-permanent resident alien and possess the following category of VISA (specify): _____

Initial applicants must submit to the University of Florida:

- ◆ A completed 2009-2010 application form;
- ◆ A current official (not a photocopy) high school or college transcript;
- ◆ Appropriate documentation of the nature and/or extent of a disability(ies);
- ◆ A personal statement pertaining to your achievements, activities, career goals;
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation addressing your academic success and potential;
- ◆ **You must also apply on-line or mail a FAFSA form to the address indicated on the FAFSA form before March 15, 2009.**

Renewal applicants must submit the following to the University of Florida:

- ◆ A completed 2009-2010 application form;
- ◆ **You must also apply on-line or mail a FAFSA form to the address indicated on the FAFSA form before March 15, 2009.**

I certify that I have read and understood the conditions for participation in this program. The information I am supplying in this application is true, complete, and correct. NOTICE: If you purposely give false information, you may be subject to fine, or imprisonment, or both under 827.06, F.S.

(Signature)

(Date)

Submit applications materials to:

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Disability Resource Center
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