Fall 2015 Scholarship Program Application

REACh is pleased to announce the “Carolyn Cooney REACh Your Goals” Scholarship Program for the Fall 2015 semester. This program is designed to assist the growing number of adult learners, like you, who are returning to college. REACh scholarships may be used towards the cost of attendance at your institution as determined by the financial aid department.

To be eligible for the scholarship program, you must meet the following criteria:

- be at least twenty-five years old at the time of application;
- be enrolled in or admitted to a degree or certificate program at a college or university that is a member of the REACh organization (check our website, www.reach-chicago.org, for a list of member schools);
- reside in the greater Chicagoland area;
- be a US citizen or permanent resident;
- be eligible to receive the REACh Scholarship per your institution’s financial aid guidelines;
- Undergraduate students must have earned the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours or 15 quarter hours of college level credit at time of application;
- Graduate students must have earned the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale based on the last half of baccalaureate credit hours or based on 12 semester hours or 15 quarter hours of graduate level credit.

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1st, 2015. Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered. Up to six (6) $2,000 scholarships may be awarded. If you are selected as a recipient, the award payment will be made to your institution’s Office of Financial Aid in August 2015. Recipients of the “Carolyn Cooney REACh Your Goals” Scholarship Program will be informed by May 15, 2015, and will be invited to attend our annual Professional Development Day and Scholarship Luncheon where we make the awards presentation to be held June 2015.

Please direct any questions to: scholarships@reach-chicago.org

Please submit your completed application form with all supporting documents to:
REACh Scholarship Committee
PO Box 4197
Wheaton, IL 60189-4197

TYPED ESSAY SECTION
In 500 typed words or less, tell us about yourself and your personal and career goals. Explain how a college education will help you reach your goals and why this scholarship is important to you.

TO BE CONSIDERED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
- completed application form (see reverse side);
- typed essay in triplicate;
- one official (closed and sealed) college transcript(s) for each school attended;
- one letter of recommendation from faculty member or employer familiar with your work and interests;
- need one photocopy of acceptance letter from the college/university you will be attending in fall 2015 if Fall of 2015 will be your first semester in your program. If you are already registered or a current student, a transcript showing your registered (in progress) classes can work as verification;
- resume or complete work history;
- self-addressed stamped envelope.
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Name ________________________________________________ Student ID Number, if known__________________________

Street Address________________________________________ City, State, Zip ________________________________

Daytime Telephone (____)________________________ Evening Telephone (____)____________________________

E-mail Address ______________________________ Date of Birth ______________________________

Name and address of college/university in which you will be enrolled for fall term 2010:
_________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________
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Please circle your degree program for Fall 2015: Associate Degree  Bachelor Degree  Masters Degree  Doctorate/Professional Degree  Certificate Program

Expected Graduation Date ___________

Total number of credits required for program completion _________________ Semester or Quarter
(Circle system)

List all college experience below. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

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Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes ___ No ___ If no, are you a legal resident? Yes ___ No ___

Are you currently employed? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, are you employed full-time ( ) or part-time ( )?

List name, address and telephone number of your employer:
_________________________________________________________________________________
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What is your current title/position?
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CORRECT AND THAT I WILL USE ANY REACh SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS RECEIVED TOWARDS THE COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION LISTED ABOVE.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________