

Lipomi Lions Vision Fund

Application Packet



OLD DOMINION EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

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Scholarships or Equipment Assistance

To assist individuals who are legally blind who want to further their education through scholastics or in the trade industry, the Old Dominion Eye Foundation will award scholarships and/or equipment assistance to qualified applicants.

The monies for these awards will be drawn from the Lipomi Lions Sight Fund through the Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Inc. It is the intended that each award will be \$2,500 or less. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee.

Eligibility Requirements

All applicants:

Must complete an application.

Must be legally blind and have completed the Confirmation of Legal Blindness document.

Must meet the requirements of "financial need" as defined by the sponsoring club (sponsoring clubs have the responsibility of screening the individual based on criteria set forth by the club).

Must be submit through a lions club in good standing with Lions Club International (LCI), and operates in District 24 A, B, C, E, or F.

Must reside in the boundaries of 24-A, B, C, E, or F, and be a US legal resident.

Must be pursuing a course of study in a degree program, or a certificate in a trade school.

In the case of equipment, must use the equipment for educational purposes, or to assist them in work related tasks. Any deviation of the above criteria will be reviewed and considered by the committee.

Provide two letters of recommendation.

Must allow ODEF to use their name, picture, story, or personal appearance to gain public relations regarding the Lipomi Fund.

Guidelines and Restrictions

The Board of Directors, with input from "Lipomi Fund" committee members will set the number of awards each year, and hold the right to change or alter requirements at any time. The awards will be based on information submitted on the applications, and all applicants will be reviewed fairly with no regard to race, sex, or religion.

The Board of Directors is under no legal obligation to award any scholarships, or assist with any equipment purchase in any given year.

All scholarships or awards will be paid directly to the teaching institution, or the vendor of the equipment. Special circumstances will be reviewed by the committee.

To apply for a scholarship or award:

Contact your local Lions Club to obtain an application.

Complete the application in its entirety.

Complete the "Confirmation of Legal Blindness" document.

Obtain two letters of recommendations.

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9200 Arboretum Parkway #104

Richmond, Va 23236

Application for Scholarship/Equipment Assistance

All applications must be completed in its entirety

Sponsoring Lions Club: _____ District 24 — _____
Name of club representative: _____
Home Phone Number : _____ Cell Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: VA ZIP: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

APPLYING FOR: _____

Scholarship Amount: _____

What college or trade school are you applying to: _____

What degree or certificate are you hoping to achieve: _____

Equipment Assistance Amount: _____

What equipment is needed: _____

Purpose: _____

How will this piece of equipment enhance your ability to function: _____

Essay

Give us a description on your eye condition and how it has affected you, and how will receiving this scholarship/award will affect your life? *Your responses here will play a major role in determining the outcome.*

OFFICE USE

Application received on: _____ Submitted to committee on : _____

OUTCOME

Denied Comments: _____

Granted Amount: _____

Check to be mailed to: _____

Please submit completed form to:

LLVF Application Committee — 9200 Arboretum Parkway, Suite 104, Richmond, Va 23236

or E-mail to: **Bproctor@odef.org**

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Confirmation of Legal Blindness Document

Confirmation of legal blindness is required for special consideration or disability services from the IRS, Social Security, and other federal, state, and private organizations. The federal government defines blindness as follows:

The term "blindness" means central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens. An eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends and angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered for purposes in the paragraph as having central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.

Social Security Act: 42 U.S.C. § 416(i)(1)(B) (Supp. IV 1968).

Translation: A person is considered legally blind if the vision in the right eye and the left eye (both eyes) is 20/200 or less when wearing glasses or contacts or both, or if the field of vision in both eyes together is 20 degrees or less.

Applicant:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Visual Acuity:

Best corrected vision: OD (Right eye): _____ OS (Left eye): _____ OU (Both eyes): _____

Visual Field (in degrees): _____

Specific eye condition(s): _____

Certifying Authority: **Must be completed by an Ophthalmologist**

I certify that _____ is legally blind as specified in the federal definition quoted above.

(signed) _____ (Date) _____

(Title) _____