



January 27, 2017

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Upside Downs Bridge Scholarship. Enclosed you will find all of the information needed to apply for the 2017 Upside Downs Bridge Scholarship in the following pages.

This is our first year offering this scholarship and we are excited to help individuals with Down syndrome pursue their education goals.

We know how important it is to develop skills that will lead to employment or independent living. Your enrollment in the Bridge To Independence Program promotes the "Upside" of Down syndrome and furthers our belief that *Anything is Possible with Down syndrome!*

If you have any questions about the application or scholarship, please do not hesitate to contact me at [beau@upside-downs.org](mailto:beau@upside-downs.org) or 985-446-5480.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beau S. Brooks", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Beau S. Brooks  
President  
Upside Downs, Inc.





## BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

Application  
2017

**APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE  
POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY**

**March 15, 2017**

**APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY May 1, 2017**

## **Mission**

The mission of the Upside Downs Bridge Scholarship is to offer financial assistance to adults with Down syndrome who are continuing to enrich their lives by enrolling in the Bridge to Independence Program at Nicholls State University.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

### **Applicant must:**

- Have Down syndrome
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Must be enrolled or have applied to the Bridge to Independence Program at Nicholls State University.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- A maximum of ten scholarships will be awarded not exceeding a total of \$1,000 each.
- The scholarship must be used to pay for tuition or expenses related to the Bridge to Independence program.

## **Materials to Include in Application Package**

Application packages must include items I – V to be considered

- I. General Information Form
- II. Questions About Me
- III. One or more photograph of you
- IV. Something that Helps Us Get to Know You Better/ Essay
- V. Parent/Guardian Information (must be filled out by parent or guardian)

## Application Procedures

- You should complete the application as independently as possible
- The applications can be typed or printed neatly
- Please mail complete application packages to:  
Upside Downs Bridge Scholarship  
Upside Downs, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1819  
Thibodaux, LA 70302
- Applications must be postmarked or emailed by **March 15, 2017**.

## Notification

You will receive an email confirmation that we received your application. Please do not call about the status of your application, as we will not be able to provide information over the phone.

You will receive an email or letter advising if you were or were not awarded the scholarship.

If you have any questions about completing the application, please contact Upside Downs at [info@upside-downs.org](mailto:info@upside-downs.org).

# 2017 Upside Downs Bridge Scholarship

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Alternate Phone Number (Optional):**

**Email Address:**

*I understand that I am applying for a scholarship to help continue my studies in the Bridge to Independence Program at Nicholls State University or to enroll in the program. The information provided in the application is my own work and represents my thoughts. If I am selected to receive this grant, I am aware that I will need to provide documentation as to how and where my grant money will be spent. I verify that I meet the following eligibility requirements: 1. I have Down syndrome. 2. I am 18 years of age or older. 3. I am enrolled in the Bridge Program or have applied for the program.*

**Your Signature:**

**Print Name:**

**Date:**

## **II. Questions About You**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

Answers should be brief.

**1. Discuss any activities, hobbies and/or groups that you belong to or participate in. These can be sports, clubs, religious groups, jobs and other interests. Please be specific.**

**2. What are two goals you have for your future? These can be either personal or professional.**

**3. Where do you plan to live when you take your class?**

With my family \_\_\_\_

In a dorm with other students \_\_\_\_

On my own \_\_\_\_

I'm not sure yet \_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_

**4. How much money are you asking for? (Remember, the scholarship cannot exceed \$1,000)**

**5. Which of the following will this money be used for? Check all that apply.**

Tuition \_\_\_\_

Books \_\_\_\_

Supplies \_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_

(If you checked "Other", describe what the money will be used for.)

### **Part III: Submit at Least One Picture of Yourself**

(Electronic photos preferred. Email to [info@upside-downs.org](mailto:info@upside-downs.org))

### **Part IV: Something That Helps Us Get to Know You Better**

Write a short essay about yourself that answers the following question. Please limit this essay to no more than one typed page, double-spaced.

**Why do you want to be in the Bridge To Independence program?**



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## Part VI: Parent/Guardian Information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a scholarship to help financially enrollment in the Bridge to Independence program at Nicholls State University. If he/she is awarded this scholarship, I will help to ensure that he/she is able to attend the program. I understand that if awarded this scholarship, that documentation will need to be provided as to how and where the scholarship money will be spent. I certify that he/she meets the following eligibility criteria: has Down syndrome and is 18 years of age or older; and intends to continue studying or enroll in a postsecondary program or enrichment course.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print  
Name \_\_\_\_\_