

**ALTRUSA**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Altrusa International Inc.  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**A. STUDENT INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

CLASS STANDING: High School Senior \_\_ Undergraduate\_\_ Graduate\_\_

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Please respond to the following in narrative form. All components must be included in the application for consideration.

1. **BACKGROUND:** Applicant should briefly describe personal history.

For example, information about the student's upbringing, educational experiences, and events that encouraged applicant to choose special education as a career should be discussed.

2. **SERVICE ACTIVITIES:** The applicant should describe his/her degree of involvement in extracurricular activities such as Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Special Olympics, volunteer organizations, or other related activities.

3. **WORK EXPERIENCE:** The applicant should list and describe the paid and volunteer work experiences he/she has had.

4. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** The applicant should substantiate a sincere desire to become a competent and effective teacher of students with special needs. The applicant should describe his/her approach to working with students with exceptionalities, including specific teaching goals, and career goals.

**CRITERIA:**

1. **STUDENT STANDING:** Applicants must be either high school senior status planning to enter the field of special education, or an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in Special Education.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** Two letters of professional recommendation from individuals who can attest to the applicant's commitment to the field of special education as evidenced by professional activity in or to the field of special education.

3. **COMMITMENTS:** The applicant should document a high degree of involvement in activities that support individuals with special needs. Students who are active in school or community activities will be given preference. Involvement in camp counseling, tutoring, teaching, and working with individuals with disabilities will be used to determine professional commitment.

4. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** The applicant should clearly articulate his/her personal philosophy of teaching students with exceptionalities and substantiate his/her desire to become a competent and effective special educator.

The amount of this scholarship is \$500.

The recipient will be honored at an Altrusa Club meeting.

Please forward all application materials to:

Altrusa Scholarship Committee

% Cheryl McCarthy

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Oshkosh, WI 54904