

Lois Ford La Bauve Endowed Scholarship

2009

**Services for Students with Disabilities
Division of Diversity and Community Engagement
The University of Texas at Austin**

This scholarship is given in memory of Lois Ford La Bauve. Ms. La Bauve was a Texas schoolteacher for many years and always displayed a passion for learning. From 1961-1972 La Bauve was the director of Services for the Blind and Disabled at the Texas State Library. During her tenure with the library system, Ms. La Bauve founded the Texas Talking Book program. In later life, she lost most of her sight and thus had personal experience with visual disabilities. In 2002, when Ms. La Bauve created the endowment, her daughter Louise Saxon stated, "My mother would like for the endowment to help educate more people who overcome visual disabilities and exhibit real potential for making a difference in the world."

At least one scholarship for a minimum of \$500 will be awarded in 2009. If funding is available, additional scholarships and/or scholarships of a larger monetary value will be awarded. Applications are reviewed during the spring semester. Scholarship is awarded in the fall semester.

Qualifications:

Applicants for the Lois Ford La Bauve Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must have a documented disability pertaining to vision or reading ability and be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities office at UT Austin.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled students at UT Austin.
- Applicants may be any classification Applicants must be UT students at the time of application (spring semester) and at the time the scholarship is awarded (fall semester).
- Applicants must be in good disciplinary standing at UT Austin where good disciplinary standing means that an applicant is not on disciplinary probation at the time of application of receipt of scholarship.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing at UT Austin where good academic standing means that an applicant has a 2.5 or better GPA at the time of application and receipt of scholarship.
- Applicants should demonstrate at least a one-semester history of using academic accommodations at UT Austin or, if a new UT student, applicants should provide documented use of accommodations at another educational institution.

Application Process:

Applications for the Lois Ford La Bauve Endowed Scholarship may be picked up in the Services for Students with Disabilities office (SSB 4.104). Alternate formats are available on request. Completed applications may be mailed or submitted in person to the address below. Applications cannot be submitted via email because applications require a signature.

SSB 4.104
100 W. Dean Keeton Street
Austin, TX 78712
Campus Mail Code: A4100

Application Deadlines:

Applications must be submitted by 5 PM on Friday, March 27, 2009.

Selection Criteria:

A selection committee will evaluate all applications and choose recipient(s) based on the thoroughness of the information presented in the application and a demonstrated commitment to promoting awareness of visual or reading disabilities.

**Lois Ford La Bauve and Louise Saxon
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Contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 471-6259 for an application in alternate format.

Name:

UTEID:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Classification:

Major:

GPA:

Attach answers to the following questions.

1. In 300-500 words, please give a brief description of your visual disability and how it impacts your academic endeavors
2. List all of the accommodations you have accessed while a student at UT Austin and, in 300-500 words, describe a time when your accommodations were most meaningful to you.
3. In 300 -500 words, please give a brief statement of your financial need and/or how you feel this scholarship will benefit you. Consider describing how this scholarship will help you meet goals for your future.
4. In 300-500 words, describe how would you encourage awareness of visual disabilities among your peers or within your chosen field of study?

Certification:

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give Services for Students with Disabilities permission to verify my academic and disciplinary status.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____