

**Achievements and Abilities Scholarship Application Form**

The annual Achievements and Abilities scholarship is for financial assistance designed to simultaneously increase awareness about cerebral palsy (CP) and celebrate the achievements and abilities of those with or affected by cerebral palsy. Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student who is influenced, in any way, by cerebral palsy.

The 2017 Achievements and Abilities Scholarship will be presented to a single applicant who submits the required application and its accompanying essay by the deadline, July 31, 2017.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the United States? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Name and city of the university you are attending or are planning to attend:  
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Current mailing address (Street, Apt. # City, State, Zip code):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

<b>Schools</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b>	<b>Degree/Major</b>	<b>Date of Graduation</b>

Current Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Highlight honors or awards that you have received:**

**Is there any other relevant information you want us to consider when reviewing your application?**

**Please tell us how you learned about our scholarship program:**

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S citizen or permanent resident
- Scholarship is not available to present or future clients of Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys.
- Applicant must:
  - Be seeking or in the process of completing higher education (either as an undergraduate or graduate student)
  - Have cerebral palsy or have a family member with cerebral palsy
  - Have a GPA of at least 3.0

## Essay Requirements

Applicants must submit by 5 p.m. (CST) July 31, 2017:

- A completed application (click here for the Achievements and Abilities Scholarship Application Form)
- A certified copy of the student's academic records
- Evidence of diagnosis from doctor or medical center (if applicable)
- The Project: One (1) of the following:
  - An essay not exceeding two typed, single-spaced pages describing the applicant's relation to cerebral palsy. Examples of topics may include how cerebral palsy has impacted the applicant or their immediate family, or how cerebral palsy and/or disabilities have affected the applicant's life in another way.
  - A different creative project describing the above. Examples can include, but are not limited to:
    - Photo projects
    - Video or other multimedia presentations
    - Creative writing
    - Performance pieces
- A short explanation of what they plan to do with the scholarship funds. Examples may include:
  - Use of scholarship funds for tuition in higher education (for high school seniors accepted into college, undergraduate applicants and graduate applicants)
  - For applicants who plan to apply the funds to non-tuition purposes such as other academic pursuits (such as camps, enrichment courses, or other programs) or personal projects (such as the development of new technology, charity projects, etc.):
- Applicant must clearly outline the following:
  - Purpose of project
  - Demonstrable benefit of project
  - A clear step-by-step execution plan

Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys will use each applicant's essay in a series displaying real stories related to living with cerebral palsy. Do you give us permission and copyright to use your essay story on our website? Circle **Yes** or **No**.

If you circled yes, how would you like attribution? Please circle one:

- 1) Full Name    2) First Name & Last Initial    3) Do not use my essay

### Award

Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys will announce the winner of the Achievements and Abilities scholarship winner on August 31st, 2017.

This \$1,000 scholarship must be used for university tuition and/or related academic expenses, or for projects with a demonstrable benefit for an individual or individuals with cerebral palsy. A \$1,000 check will be made payable to the scholarship recipient's school for the use of the aforementioned purposes.

Scholarship recipients will provide all necessary personal information to Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys and authorize the firm to publish the name and essays of the winners on one or more firm websites and marketing materials. Upon accepting the scholarship, the applicant will allow Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys to use his or her name, university, and picture to announce the scholarship winners.

### Certification

The undersigned scholarship applicant hereby grants permission to use his/her name and to quote his/her essay (in whole or in part) or use his/her entry (in whole or in part) in all promotional and other activities relating to the scholarship, including, but not limited to, publication in written materials, posting on websites and other social media platforms, and use in radio and television broadcasts. In the event that a scholarship applicant participates in any promotional or other activity relating to the scholarship, the applicant authorizes Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys to use, re-use, publish, re-publish, and copyright audio and/or visual reproductions of the applicant's voice and/or image, alone or with other persons, with or without use of the applicant's name.

Any taxes on scholarship are the sole responsibility of the contestant.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this Application Form and in any attached materials is true and complete.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Submission Instructions**

The completed application, essay or multimedia project and certified transcript should be emailed to:

- Krissy Pollock (kpollock@abclawcenters.com) and Bridget Siniakov ([bsiniakov@abclawcenters.com](mailto:bsiniakov@abclawcenters.com))
- [Subject Line] Achievements and Abilities Scholarship Application Materials

For materials that cannot be sent electronically (such as official transcripts or certain creative projects), applicants may send materials to:

- Krissy Pollock and Bridget Siniakov
- Attn: Scholarship Application (Achievements and Abilities Scholarship)
- 122 Concord Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304