



**Southwest Florida Council of the Blind
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Dear Prospective Scholarship Recipient:

The Southwest Florida Council of the Blind is pleased to announce that we will once again be awarding the Lois A. Kilgore memorial scholarship to a visually impaired high school student in Lee County. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00.

All documents including the application, two (2) professional letters of reference and a document certifying legal blindness must be received no later than May 1st, 2019. All documents must be emailed to the above email address. The letters of reference may be from a teacher, employer, vision teacher, guidance counselor, etc. The document certifying legal blindness can be from your attending ophthalmologist, an optometrist or state agency for the blind.

The recipient of the award will be announced by May 15th, 2019 and if possible, the Scholarship will be presented at the student's senior award ceremony by a member of the Scholarship Committee of the Southwest Florida Council of the Blind.

The Southwest Florida Council of the Blind is a chapter of the Florida Council of the Blind and an affiliate of the nationally recognized American Council of the Blind. We are an advocacy organization whose mission is to improve the lives of blind and visually impaired citizens of Lee County through education, information and community involvement.

We look forward to the opportunity to hear from you and ultimately, to award this scholarship to a deserving individual.

Sincerely,
William Grignon
President

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a resident of Lee County;
- Applicant must be no older than 23 years of age;
- Applicant must be legally blind; the applicant must have vision in the better eye of no more than 20/200 with corrective lenses or may have vision greater than 20/200 in the better eye, but with a restricted field of vision of no more than 20 degrees.
- Applicant must have or be receiving a high school diploma or high school equivalency by the end of the current academic year;
- Applicant must show proof of acceptance to an institution of higher learning (university or trade school);
- Applicant must demonstrate an ability to complete the chosen course of study;
- Applicant may be asked to participate in an in-person interview at a convenient location to be determined;
- All documents including the application, references and document certifying legal blindness must be received by email no later than May 1st, 2019.

Lois Kilgore was a blind woman and an inspiration to many people in Lee County. She worked for the Visually Impaired Persons Center of Southwest Florida, Teaching an art class. Lois taught visually impaired people how to “See” with their hands. Lois was a strong advocate for the blind, was an active member of the Southwest Florida Council of the blind and she loved her service dog, Marshall. Lois passed on in 2012 but we continue to honor her memory through this scholarship.