

**NATIONAL FEDERATION  
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**Dear Pennsylvania High School or College Guidance Counselor,**

**Here is some good news about scholarship opportunities for blind students in Pennsylvania! The National Federation of the Blind and the National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania award scholarships to high school seniors and college students who plan to attend college during the next academic year.**

**The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) is a national organization of blind persons who believe in promoting the opportunities of blind students. There are thirty national scholarships awarded annually ranging from \$3,000 to \$12,000. The National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania (NFB of PA) and its network of local chapters is a state affiliate of the NFB and shares its commitment to aid blind students in achieving their educational goals. The NFB of PA also offers two college scholarships, each in the amount of \$1000. Pennsylvania residents are eligible for both the national and state scholarships and should submit both applications according to the separate directions on each application.**

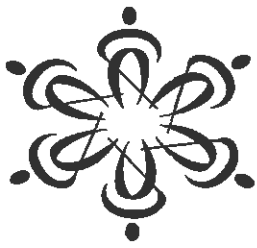
**The NFB of PA offers more than just monetary help to blind students. We also sponsor an active Student Division where blind students can network with other blind students both locally and nationally. The NFB of PA also promotes a division for parents of blind children. This Division provides information, support and advocacy for parents trying to aid their blind children with their educational needs.**

**Please be so kind as to forward a copy of this letter and the enclosed student letter directly to all blind and visually impaired students in your high school or college. Feel free to make as many copies of this notice as necessary. Thank you for your support in distributing this information to your eligible students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.**

**Sincerely,**

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Dear Student,

Over the past three years, six blind Pennsylvania students received over \$28,000 from the NFB. As President of the National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania, I invite you to apply for one of over 30 scholarships granted to students each year. Any blind or visually impaired person who will be a full time student during the 2017-2018 school year is encouraged to apply, even if you have had no previous involvement in the organization, and/or you have applied for a scholarship in the past. Each year the NFB offers thirty scholarships for deserving college students ranging in monetary value from \$3,000 to \$12,000. This offer includes a trip to our National Convention in Orlando, Florida this July. At this convention, there will be over 2500 people, and the opportunity to meet and interact with successful blind people who are leaders in the organization. The NFB of Pennsylvania also offers two scholarships of \$1,000, along with the winner's attendance at our State Convention in November of 2017, free of charge. Since each of these scholarships is merit based, the money awarded will be sent directly to you, the student, for your use and not to the financial aid office at your college or university.

In order to apply for one of the National Scholarships, awarded in July, go to <http://www.nfbp.org/scholarships> to complete an application on-line. Be sure to submit all information including all supporting documentation outlined in the instructions by March 31, 2017. In order to apply for the State Scholarship awarded in November, download and complete the application found at [www.nfbp.org/scholarships](http://www.nfbp.org/scholarships) and mail it with all supporting documentation as indicated.

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