



**Insight Vision Center**  
A Nonprofit Corporation  
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## **SPONSORSHIP POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

*The Insight Vision Center was established in 2000 as the first nonprofit vision therapy fund on the West Coast providing comprehensive vision evaluations and vision therapy to low-income individuals that have vision-related learning problems. One of the most difficult tasks faced by students is learning to read efficiently. As many as 80% of children who are reading disabled, including those considered dyslexic, show a deficiency in one or more basic visual skills. These problems do not spontaneously disappear with age or maturity so there are scholarship recipients ranging in age from pre-school through adult receiving care; all are benefiting from a vision therapy program which results in efficient visual information processing and enhanced learning ability.*

*It is a little known fact that many learning problems, dyslexia, and behavioral problems are signs of undiagnosed visual information processing deficits. Once diagnosed, vision therapy can provide the patient with the necessary visual abilities for learning. Once the problems are corrected, it becomes a life changing event. Our mission is to improve the lives of people by providing them with the necessary visual abilities for learning, giving them "Vision for Education." It is our greatest desire that such opportunities will inspire these individuals, creating hope, discovery and opportunity in their lives.*

**Complete this application and return it by the indicated deadline to:**

**Insight Vision Center  
Attn: Scholarship Review Panel  
P.O. Box 985  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067**

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

**To be considered for a sponsorship, applicants must be a full-time student and meet the following criteria:**

- **Children who are full-time students or adults who are accepted and enrolled for part-time study in a primary, secondary or an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational school and carry the prescribed minimum of 3 units/hours of academic or vocational instruction**
- **Can demonstrate financial need**
- **Are committed to perform 15-20 minutes of therapy activities a minimum of FIVE days a week**
- **Agree to adhere to the policies and procedures at the Clinical Center in which treatment will be received**
- **Are willing to share their story**
- **Are willing to be an example to other students**



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Private and home schooled students are also eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Students must reapply every six months through the Insight Vision Center for renewal of their scholarships. They will be notified if their renewal scholarships have been approved. All students must demonstrate commitment to their therapy program, and provide updated verification of student status and income to be considered for renewal.

All scholarship beneficiaries will be required to pay a co-payment on each visit. Co-payment amount will be determined according to financial need. Payments are made directly to the Clinical Center providing care.

Beneficiaries who are discontinued before completion of the therapy program, or who fail to complete the therapy program will be required to reapply before benefits may be resumed. Recipients seeking to renew their awards will be required to reapply for subsequent funding in competition with other applicants. If the student does not complete a full therapy program, the unused portion of the monies originally granted will be returned to the Insight Vision Center.

### **Application Criteria:**

Include with completed application:

- A recent photograph of the applicant
- A copy of the applicant's most recent academic progress report (report card) and/or proof of enrollment.
- A copy of the front page of the most recent federal tax return (or parent/guardian's federal tax return, if the applicant is claimed as a dependent) and a copy of two most recent pay stubs. Documentation of public assistance (i.e. TANF statement) will be accepted in lieu of these other forms.

### **Additional Information:**

The Insight Vision Center (IVC) gives several scholarships to deserving individuals each year. The awarding of these scholarships is handled through the organization and a panel of its Board of Directors. The decision of the panel is final. Personal interviews may be requested of finalists. It is anticipated that final awards will be announced as funding becomes available.

A vital part of the future of the INSIGHT VISION CENTER will depend on continuing success stories of our future scholarship beneficiaries. We are proud of their accomplishments and want our graduates to share their experience with others. Their gains can make a profound impact on someone who may be having similar problems. In addition, we rely heavily on private donations to continue offering scholarships to our patients. Therefore, we often have visitors, including potential beneficiaries and various doctors, who may wish to observe active vision therapy sessions. Observing helps visitors understand our focus of "Vision for Education" and our goal to provide children and adults with the necessary visual abilities for learning.



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In order to receive assistance from the IVC, applicants will be asked to demonstrate their knowledge and appreciation of the role that the IVC has played in their lives and the lives of their families.

Awarding of scholarships is not limited by race, color, creed, national origin or sex.

### **Intake Process**

The Insight Vision Center is experiencing an overwhelming number of Scholarship requests. We have an extensive waiting list and are currently scheduling 12-18 months ahead. In order to process your request as quickly as possible we ask that you please note the following procedures.

1. The Initial Scholarship Application begins a process that determines whether our services are appropriate for you or your child.
2. Submit the completed form by mail (instructions are provided on the form). Please do not send any other information such as medical records or previous assessment data at this time.
3. Within a few weeks you will receive communication from the Insight Vision Center confirming receipt of your application.
4. The process of reviewing your application will take several months and leads to one of the following:
  - You will be notified regarding your scholarship award and given information about scheduling an appointment.
  - You will be contacted requesting additional information.
  - You will be notified that you have been denied a scholarship.

While you are waiting to hear from us, please explore the following resources:

- Explore the websites: <http://www.visionandlearning.org>  
<http://www.pavevision.org/>
- Watch the PAVE video
- Read: How to Develop Your Child's Intelligence, by G.N. Getmen and/or 20/20 is not Enough: The New World of Vision, by Arthur Seiderman

Thank you for your patience as we try to meet the needs of as many students as possible.