



BERNARD SIEGEL-BILL TANTER



MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

For Students with Disabilities **Transitioning from High School**

**Sponsored by: The Los Angeles County
Commission on Disabilities**

WHO WAS BERNARD SIEGEL?

Commissioner Bernard Siegel was a longtime member of Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities appointed by Supervisor Yaroslavsky of the Third District. He was an advocate for people with disabilities and a distinguished professional in the aerospace industry which included the LEM landing craft that successfully landed a man on the moon.

WHO WAS BILL TANTER?

Bill Tainter was the Executive Director for the State of California Department of Rehabilitation and a longtime advocate for people with disabilities. He was nationally recognized leader, and role model in the disability community. His work also included developing programs and workshops on disability awareness as well as presentations on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) legislation.

The Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities established the Siegel-Tainter Memorial Education Scholarship Program to offer high school students with disabilities a financial opportunity to become more independent and self-sufficient through higher education.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT?

- ◆ To provide supplemental financial assistance to incoming community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college students
- ◆ To enlighten the public that individuals with disabilities can succeed in higher education and take advantage of expanded career opportunities
- ◆ To educate the community about the academic abilities of students with disabilities

HOW THE MONEY IS DISBURSED?

- ◆ Awards will be granted, one in each Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles. (*Awards will be disbursed in two parts – 1/2 upon submission of transcript grades from a community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college for the end of the first school semester or quarter. The second 1/2 will be disbursed upon the submission of transcript grades from the end of the second semester or quarter. Transcript must be submitted 30 days following the end of each semester or quarter.*)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ Students with a disability graduating or transitioning from high school to a community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college
- ◆ Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better with a diagnosed disability
- ◆ Applicants residing in the County of Los Angeles

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA?

Applicants must provide:

- ◆ Proof of enrollment in community college, vocational (trade) school or four-year college or provide an acceptance letter from the chosen institute
- ◆ Either high school transcripts or diploma
- ◆ Minimum of two written recommendation letters from counselors, teachers, employers, coaches or rehabilitation counselors

And

- ◆ Submit a thoroughly completed Scholarship Application
- ◆ **MUST** attend the Scholarship Reception and Board of Supervisors presentation to receive scholarship
- ◆ Attend the 2011 Scholarship presentation to share their experience as a scholarship winner
- ◆ Participate in a follow-up *Bernard Siegel-Bill Tainter Memorial Education Scholarship Fund* survey

Failure to present necessary documentation may result in the forfeit of scholarship award

WHAT ARE THE JUDGING STANDARDS?

1. Student's academic history
2. Leadership and community involvement
3. Personal accomplishments

Top finalists will be interviewed before final selections are made. The five scholarship award winners will be notified in **June 2011**. Details about the scholarship presentations will be given at that time.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete an application and submit requested supporting documentation to:

Bernard Siegel-Bill Tainter Memorial Scholarship Program

Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 W. Temple Street, Room B-50, Los Angeles, CA 90012

E-mail Address: LACCOD@BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV

(213) 974-1053 (Voice) or (213) 974-1707 (TTY) (213) 633-5102 (Fax)

Note: Applications will **NOT** be considered unless all of the requested information are thoroughly completed, submitted and postmarked by **Monday, May 2, 2011.**

**DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO
MAY 16, 2011**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Commission office at the above number. Additional copies may also be obtained by accessing the Commission website at www.laccod.org.



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Bernard Siegel-Bill Tainter Memorial Scholarship Application

Part I

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Gender (M/F): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cellular telephone: _____

Work telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

Social Security Number: _____

Name of Parent(s)

First Name (Mother) _____ Last Name _____

First Name (Father) _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

(If different from yours)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cellular telephone: _____

Work telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Direct experience with disability: _____

Date your disability was diagnosed: _____

Functional limitations/characteristics of your disability: _____

Part II

Name and Address of high school you are currently attending:

School contact person (counselor, principal, etc.) _____

Telephone: _____ Date of anticipated graduation: _____

Name of community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college you plan to attend. _____

Number of semester units you plan to take _____

School and Community Involvement

Below, please briefly list your involvement with your school and community. This may include any offices you held, club memberships, after school activities or work experiences.

Name of Activity	Adult Contact	Dates (from/to)	Grade level
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(Please attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Part III

A. Questions on the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, Board of Supervisors, Bernard Siegel and Bill Tainter. (Answers may be written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the completed application).

1. What can you tell us about the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities?
2. Which Supervisorial District do you reside in? Tell us something about your Supervisor.
3. The occupation of a Supervisor is a significant political position in the County of Los Angeles. Could you explain, in your own words, the importance of the position held by a County Supervisor?
4. What is the importance of receiving a higher education?
5. This scholarship is named for Bernard Siegel and Bill Tainter. Tell us something about them.

B. Required Letter of Interest

Your answers to the following questions will assess your readiness to become more independent and self-sufficient through educational opportunities. Please write your responses on separate sheets of paper and attach to your completed application packet. Your total responses for all four questions should not exceed four typewritten, double-spaced pages. Responses may be printed in black ink.

- **Qualifications** – Explain why you feel you are a qualified candidate for the scholarship.
- **Educational Goal** – Explain how education will help you achieve self-sufficiency and independence.
- **Career Goal** – If you receive the scholarship, explain how you plan to use it to attain your career and professional goals.
- **Experience as a Person with a Disability** – Describe how your disability will affect your goals or career plans.

Scholarship winners must attend the 2011 Scholarship Reception and the Board of Supervisors Presentation to be held June 28, 2011, to share their experience as scholarship winner, and participate in a follow-up Siegel-Tainter Scholarship Fund survey.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

Please attach two letters of recommendation from counselors, teachers, coaches and/or employers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Commission on Disabilities staff at voice, (213) 974-1053 or (213) 974-1707 TTY.

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