



THE ERNEST T. HAMILTON, JR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



For Veterans with Disabilities who want to pursue a higher education

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

WHO WAS ERNEST T. HAMILTON, JR.?

In memory of Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr., who was a former Veteran and Commissioner for the Commission on Disabilities, the Commission extended the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship to veterans with disabilities who want to pursue a 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 MUCH MONEY IS DISBURSED?

- ◆ An award will be granted to a veteran student with a disability and has earned a certificate in specialized training. *(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/quarter. The second 1/2 will be disbursed upon the submission of transcript grades from the end of the second semester/quarter. Transcripts must be submitted 30 days following the end of each semester/quarter.)*

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ Veteran residing in the County of Los Angeles.
- ◆ Veteran pursuing a higher education, regardless of age.
- ◆ Veteran with a disability or disabilities who has been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States under honorable conditions.
- ◆ Veteran who possess a valid DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214), or any other official document(s) issued by the branch of service.

**Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities hereby advise the recipient of the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship the amount received may be an asset subject to disclosure by the recipient. The recipient of the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship acknowledges the receipt of this scholarship fund may impact his/her eligibility to any currently enrolled public or other benefit programs. The scholarship recipient bears sole responsibility to inform any public or other benefit program of the amount of scholarship he/she receives.*

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA?

Applicants must provide:

- ◆ Proof of enrollment in a community college, vocational (trade) school documents issued by branch of Government or four year college or provide an acceptance letter from the chosen institute.
- ◆ High school transcripts and diploma, or a valid DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214), or any other official document(s) issued by the branch of service.
- ◆ Minimum of two written recommendation letters from counselors, teachers, employers, coaches, or rehabilitation counselors.

And:

- ◆ Submit a thoroughly completed Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship Application.
- ◆ **MUST** attend BOTH the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship Reception and Board of Supervisors presentation.
- ◆ Attend the 2011 Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. scholarship presentation to share his/her experience as a scholarship awardee.
- ◆ Participate in a follow-up *Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship Fund* survey.

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

WHAT ARE THE JUDGING STANDARDS?

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

Top finalists will be interviewed before final selection is made. The scholarship award winner will be notified by Commission staff. Details about the scholarship presentations will be given at that time.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete an application and submit requested supporting documentation to:

Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Veteran 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.

**DEADLINE 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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Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. 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: _____

Military Service Number: _____ Military Branch _____

Dates of Service (From) _____ (To) _____

Direct experience with disability: _____

Date your disability was diagnosed: _____

Functional limitations/characteristics of your disability: _____

Part II

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

(Please attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Part III

A. Questions on the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, Board of Supervisors and Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. (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 Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Tell us something about him.

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 (4) typewritten, double-spaced pages. Responses may be printed in black ink.

Qualifications – Explain why you feel you are a good candidate for the scholarship.

Educational Goal – Explain how education will help you to 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 Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship Fund survey.

Veteran Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach two recommendation letters 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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