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Reference Service Press began in 1977, with a single financial aid publication--*Directory of Financial Aids for Women*--and now specializes in the development of financial aid resources in multiple formats: print, disk, tape, and CD-ROM. According to *Simba Report on Directory Publishing*, Reference Service Press, Inc. is a "true success story in the work of independent directory publishers." Both Kaplan Educational Centers and Military.com call Reference Service Press "the leading authority on scholarships and fellowships."

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Introduction

Billions of dollars in financial aid have been set aside in 2012 for America's largest minority: the 49 million Americans with disabilities and members of their families. In fact, more money is available today than ever before! This funding is open to applicants at any level (from high school through postdoctorate and professional) for study, research, travel, training, career development, emergencies, assistive technology, specially adapted housing, and many other purposes.

Since 1988, these funding opportunities have been described in Reference Service Press's award-winning *Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families*. This directory was chosen as one of the "best reference books of the year" by *Library Journal* and as one of the "outstanding reference books of the year" by the New York Public Library, which also commended Reference Service Press for its "excellent contribution in an area of publishing where quality is at a premium."

Originally, the directory was printed only in regular-sized print. We at Reference Service Press realized that this presentation probably caused an unintended problem for individuals with visual limitations. While people with visual impairments may have to overcome

a number of obstacles, being able to read about financial aid opportunities should not be one of them. So, Reference Service Press drew upon the listings in the directory and our financial aid database to develop a publication specifically for persons with visual impairments:

 ***Funding for Persons with Visual Impairments: Large Print Edition (you are reading this now)***

Described in the latest (2012) edition of *Funding for Persons with Visual Impairments: Large Print Edition* are 320+ scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants-in-aid, awards, and internships set aside specifically for persons with visual impairments. These programs are sponsored by federal and state government agencies, professional and social organizations, foundations, educational associations, and military or veterans organizations. They are open to applicants at any level for such activities as study, research, travel, training, equipment acquisition, career development, and innovative efforts. All areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities are covered. Only the biggest and the best opportunities are covered here. No program is listed that offers less than \$500 or is restricted to residents below the state level. To get information on those more limited programs, contact Reference Press directly.

Each entry provides, when available, information on sponsoring organization address and telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, web sites, purpose,

eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and deadline date. The entries are alphabetized by title within the following six categories and indexed by residency requirements:

Part 1: Scholarships

Described here are programs that support study and research at the college level in the United States. Usually, no return of service or repayment of funds is required.

Part 2: Fellowships

Described here are programs that support graduate or postgraduate study or research in the United States. Usually, no return of service or repayment is required.

Part 3: Loans

Described here are programs that provide money that eventually must be repaid, with or without interest.

Part 4: Grants-in-Aid

Described here are programs that provide funding for emergency situations, property and income tax liabilities, assistive technology, adaptation of housing and vehicles, etc.

Part 5: Awards

Described here are competitions, prizes, and honoraria granted in recognition or support of creative work and public service in the United States or abroad.

Part 6: Internships

Described here are salaried work experience and other on-the-job training programs.

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Beginning on page 323, this index provides geographic access to the programs described in each of the six parts.

In addition to the programs described in this directory, Reference Service Press also publishes several other titles dealing with fundseeking. These are described at the end of the directory, beginning on page 326.

Part 1: Scholarships

[1] ABC SCHOLARSHIPS

Association of Blind Citizens

P.O. Box 246

Holbrook, MA 02343

(781) 961-1023 Fax: (781) 961-0004

E-mail: scholarship@blindcitizens.org

Web site: www.blindcitizens.org

Summary: To provide financial assistance for college to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Eligibility: This program is open to high school seniors, high school graduates, and currently-enrolled college students who are blind or visually impaired.

Applicants must be interested in working on a college degree. Along with their application, they must submit an autobiography, indicating how the scholarship award would help them achieve their goal of attending college or a recognized vocational program; a high school or college transcript; a certificate of legal blindness or a letter from their ophthalmologist; and 2 letters of reference. The highest ranked applicant receives the Reggie Johnson Memorial Scholarship.

Financial Data: Stipends are \$2,000 or \$1,000. Funds may be used to pay for tuition, living expenses, or related expenses resulting from vision impairment.

Duration: 1 year.

Number Awarded: 8 each year: 1 at \$2,000 (the Reggie Johnson Memorial Scholarship) and 7 at \$1,000.

Deadline: April of each year.

[2] ACB ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Arizona Council of the Blind

3124 East Roosevelt Street, Suite 4

Phoenix, AZ 85008-5088

(602) 273-1510 Toll-free: (888) 273-1510

Fax: (602) 938-3748

E-mail: president@azcb.org

Web site: www.acb.org/arizona

Summary: To provide funding for undergraduate or graduate studies to legally blind Arizona residents.

Eligibility: This program is limited to Arizona residents. Applicants must be legally blind and enrolled or planning to enroll in vocational, technical, graduate, or professional training programs beyond the high school level. For the purposes of this program, legal blindness is defined as visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better corrected eye and/or 20 degrees or less visual field or visual loss that requires substantial magnification or readers to access print materials. Along with their application, they must submit a 2-page autobiographical sketch that includes their personal goals, strengths, weaknesses, hobbies, honors, achievements, work experience, and extracurricular activities. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, a 3.3 GPA is required. Candidates are interviewed.

Financial Data: The stipend ranges from \$500 to \$1,200.

Duration: 1 year; recipients may reapply.

Additional Information: Of the scholarships awarded, 1 is named the John Vanlandingham Scholarship in memory of the Arizona Council of the Blind's founder.

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Financial Aid Publications from Reference Service Press:

Reference Service Press (RSP) began in 1977 with a single financial aid publication (*Directory of Financial Aids for Women*) and now specializes in the development of financial aid resources in multiple formats, including books, large print books, disks, print-on-demand reports, eBooks, and online sources. RSP has been called, by the *Simba Report on Directory Publishing*, "a true success in the world of independent directory publishers." Both Kaplan Educational Centers and Military.com have hailed RSP as "the leading authority on scholarships."

Currently, Reference Service Press produces more than 20 different financial aid directories:

Of Particular Interest to Persons with Visual Impairments:



Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families.

The first and only comprehensive listing of funding set aside specifically for persons with disabilities and members of their families. More than 1,100 scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants-in-aid, and awards are described in this award-winning directory. All disabilities are covered. 480p. ISBN 1-58841-227-X. \$47, including shipping.

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Large Print Edition.***

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