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Reference Service Press began in 1977, with a single financial aid publication--the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*--and now specializes in the development of financial aid resources in multiple formats, including 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 2009 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 professionals) 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 many 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 (2009) edition of *Funding for Persons with Visual Impairments: Large Print Edition* are more than 300 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 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, or 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. For 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 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 or abroad. Usually, no return of service or repayment is required.

Part 2: Fellowships

Described here are programs that support graduate or postgraduate study or research in the United States or abroad. 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, or the adaptation of housing and vehicles.

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 in this section are salaried work experience programs.

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In addition to the programs described in this directory, Reference Service Press publishes several other titles dealing with fundseeking. These are described at the end of the directory, beginning on page 306.

Part 1: Scholarships

[1] ACB OF COLORADO SCHOLARSHIPS

American Council of the Blind of Colorado

Attn: Executive Director

1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 203

Denver, CO 80202

(303) 831-0117 Toll-free: (888) 775-2221

Web site: www.acbco.org/services.shtml

Summary: To provide financial assistance for college or graduate school to blind students from Colorado.

Eligibility: This program is open to legally blind students who are residents of Colorado. Applicants must be working on an undergraduate (academic, vocational, or certificate) or graduate (master's or doctoral) degree. A cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher is generally required, but extenuating circumstances may be considered. Along with their application, they must submit a 750-word statement describing their educational, career, and personal goals. Financial need is also considered in the selection process.

Financial Data: The stipend is \$2,500. Funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university.

Duration: 1 year.

Number Awarded: 4 each year.

Deadline: January of each year.

[2] ACB/ARNOLD SADLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

American Council of the Blind

Attn: Coordinator, Scholarship Program

1155 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1004

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 467-5081

Toll-free: (800) 424-8666

Fax: (202) 467-5085

E-mail: info@acb.org

Web site: www.acb.org

Summary: To provide financial assistance to undergraduate or graduate students who are blind and are interested in studying in a field of service to persons with disabilities.

Eligibility: This program is open to students in rehabilitation, education, law, or other fields of service to persons with disabilities. Applicants must be legally blind and U.S. citizens. In addition to letters of recommendation and copies of academic transcripts, applications must include an autobiographical sketch. A cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher is generally required. Selection is based on demonstrated academic record, involvement in extracurricular and civic activities, and academic objectives. The severity of the applicant's visual impairment and his/her study methods are also taken into account.

Financial Data: The stipend is \$1,500. In addition, the winner receives a Kurzweil-1000 Reading System.

Duration: 1 year.

Additional Information: This scholarship is funded by the Arnold Sadler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Winners are expected to be present at the council's annual conference; the council will cover all reasonable expenses connected with convention attendance.

Number Awarded: 1 each year.

Deadline: February of each year.

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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, CD-ROMs, 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:

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