

The Arkansas Chapter of the Association for the Education
and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

2010 Newsletter

In This Issue

TITLE.....	PAGE
From the AR AER Chapter President.....	2
Fundraising Report.....	2
2010 Meet me at the Rock!.....	3
2010 AR-AER State Conference.....	3
AER Chili Social A Success!.....	3
Nominations.....	4
AER International Conference 2010 Registration Fees.....	4
Professional Development.....	5
The University of Arkansas at Little Rock [UALR].....	5
Lions World Services for the Blind.....	6
Arkansas School for the Blind.....	6
Arkansas Lighthouse Celebrates 70th Anniversary.....	7
Expanded Lighthouse Ready to Produce New Products, New Jobs.....	7
State Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) Update.....	8
Educational Services for the Visually Impaired.....	8
AR-AER AWARDS.....	9
J. Max Woolly Award.....	9
Joyce Ogburn Memorial Award.....	9
Tom Phifer Award.....	10
Arkansas Distinguished Advocate Awards.....	10
Wall of Tribute.....	10
Bill Tomlin Scholarship Award Application Form.....	11

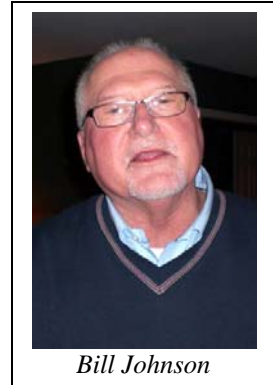
From the AR AER Chapter President

Bill Johnson

2010 is an exciting year for the Arkansas AER Chapter as we prepare to host the International AER Conference here in Little Rock on July 20 – 25, 2010. The planning for this conference started four years ago with Sharon Niemczyk former AR AER Chapter President and then member of the AER International Board. Sharon made the case for Little Rock which impressed the International Board and the process was put in place. It has been a bumpy road, with many hurdles along the way through the Presidential terms of Jo Ellen Croft and then myself and will conclude during the term of our President Elect Lis Geoghegan this summer. Under Sharon's leadership as 2010 Conference Chairperson, our Chapter has been learning through participating in the International Conferences in Salt Lake City and Chicago and I attended the Regional Conference held last November in Cleveland all in an effort to promote Little Rock 2010.

The AER world is coming to Little Rock and we are ready, but we will need the help from every Arkansas AER Chapter member. There are many opportunities for volunteers and you don't have to commit to every day of the conference; a few hours here and there is all we need. Hosting the International Conference is an awesome honor and every one of us must contribute to make this conference a truly outstanding experience for our visitors. Sharon and the Chapter Board started the process and it is up to us as individual AR AER members to bring it to a grand finish. Soon you will receive information about your volunteer availability; please respond with the Arkansas can do spirit.

Thank you for your continued AER membership.



Bill Johnson

Fundraising Report

Maranda Cole, Co-Chair

This year AR-AER is having three main fundraising projects. The projects are as follows: a pageant, two silent auctions, and a raffle. Please read below for details.

On April 10th at 1:30 AER will direct the second annual Central Arkansas Diamond Spectacular Pageant to be held in Woolly Auditorium on the campus of the Arkansas School for the Blind. Last year was the first time for AER to direct a pageant and it turned out to be a success. There were around 50 girls who participated in this pageant from throughout the state of Arkansas. We hope to see you there.

As always AER is having a silent auction. This year the silent auction will take place on May 10th, at the state business meeting and awards banquet. However, this year the auction will be much smaller due to

hosting the international conference this summer. Please bring your money to the state business meeting and awards banquet as there will still be five to ten items you may bid on this year. Also at the international conference this summer there will be a couple of items up for auction each day.

AER is selling raffle tickets this year. In the past years a raffle was conducted and it proved to be a positive money maker for our chapter. So this year the committee has decided to have a raffle again. Tickets will begin to be sold in March and the drawing will be on May 10th in between the business meeting and awards banquet. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

2010 Meet me at the Rock!

Sharon Niemczyk: Host Committee Chair

The 2010 International Conference will be held at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock from Wednesday, July 21- Sunday, July 25. Pre-conference activities will start on Monday, July 19.

We are thrilled with the opportunity to show off our beautiful state. Our host night promises to be a success. On Saturday, July 24, we will gather with our colleagues from all over the world at the Clinton Library and Presidential Center for an evening of networking and socializing.

We are asking for volunteers from July 19-25. The areas most needed are:

1. Meals- guiding people and helping them through buffets. We also need someone to coordinate these volunteers.
2. Exhibits- helping with set-up and guiding people through the exhibit hall. We also need someone to coordinate these volunteers.
3. Welcome and Information- Help the AER staff work at the registration desk and answer questions about Little Rock.- Jo Croft jcroft0928@aol.com and LuAnne Blaylock leblaylock@yahoo.com have agreed to coordinate these volunteers.
4. Hotel Navigation- Help orient people to the hotel and visit the hotel in advance to help train staff. Bill Jacobson whjacobson@ualr.edu agreed to coordinate these volunteers.
5. Sales- These people will work the AR-AER table. We will have items for sale. We will also have free brochures. These people will also answer questions about Little Rock. Pam Raspberry praspberry@asb.k12.ar.us has agreed to coordinate these volunteers.

I hope you are all as excited about this opportunity as I am . If you have questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Sharon Niemczyk: sniemczyk@asb.k12.ar.us or ark-niem@juno.com or 501-231-5115.

2010 AR-AER State Conference

Pam Raspberry and Lis Geoghegan,
CoChairs

Plans are being made for the 2010 AR-AER Annual State Conference. As reported earlier, this year's conference will follow a revised format. This is due to obligations AR-AER will have in hosting the 2010 AER International Conference in July.

A business meeting and awards banquet will be held on Monday, May 10th, at the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind. The business meeting will begin at 4:30 and the banquet will begin at 6:00. A nominal fee will be charged to cover the cost of the caterer. Reservation forms will be mailed at a later date.

Elections will be held prior to the meeting. Ballots will be mailed to all AR-AER members. Results will be announced at the banquet.

AER Chili Social A Success!

Jo Ellen Croft,
Co-Chair of the Social Committee

Members, along with friends and family, gathered at the Andover Court Clubhouse on January 28th for the AER social. With inclement winter weather threatening, it was the perfect night for a



Jo Ellen Croft

chili supper. There were almost 40 in attendance and it was a great time of fun and fellowship for all! Special thanks to Barbara Kemp, Co-Chair of the Social Committee, Bette Parker and Pat

Smith for all their work to make the evening a success.

Nominations

AR-AER is seeking board nominees for the 2010 elections. We need to elect 5 at large board members (3-year term), a secretary (1 year term), a treasurer (1 year term) and a president-elect (2-year term as vice president, 2-years as president and 2-year term follow up as past president). We are most anxious about filling the crucial role of president-elect, because it is a position vital to the continued leadership of our organization. President-elect serves for two years under the tutelage of the president before stepping into the role of president. Also, the treasurer is responsible for managing the finances of the chapter and is not necessarily required to serve as the fundraising chair. Please strongly consider how you can serve on the board and contact Melanie Birthright, melanieb@esvi.org, with your nominations.

AER International Conference 2010 Registration Fees

AER International Conference Registration

	Early Bird before April 14	Advance before July 2	Onsite
AER Member	\$329	\$404	\$429
AER Student Member	\$204	\$229	\$254
Non-Member	\$504	\$579	\$604

Add-On Options for Conference Delegates

You must register for the conference to participate in the MacFarland Seminar & Obstacle Avoidance Workshop

MacFarland Seminar/Obstacle Avoidance Workshop	Early Bird before April 14	Advance before July 2	Onsite
AER Member	\$139	\$164	\$194
AER Student Member	\$ 89	\$114	\$139
Non-Member	\$239	\$264	\$319
Guest Fee	\$105	\$135	\$150

Daily Rates

AER Member	\$200*
Non-Member	\$275
AER Student Member	\$ 99
Non-Member Student	\$159

**Daily rates are
available onsite
ONLY!**

Professional Development

Lisa Reynolds: Chair

The professional development committee members have been very busy this year! The members are: Bonnie Lawrence, Barbara Kemp, Charlene Ware, Jim Carey, and Carol Baron. I appreciate all their good ideas, work, and support. New members are welcome; let me know if you are interested.

During the first week of December, the committee organized a Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) off-site training at LWSB for two free seminars. Eight participants attended both workshops, and each attendee received 9.5 continuing education hours. The seminar was excellent! We learned about the new programs offered at GEB and how to assist guide dog handlers with land-marking locations. All participants were treated to Boscors for lunch. After lunch, they experienced "hands-on" work with a guide dog in the River Market area. A good and educational time was had by all.

The first AR-AER sponsored workshop for 2010 is scheduled for Friday, June 4th at LWSB from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop is titled "Strategies for Enhancing Residual Vision and Utilizing Low Vision Aids". The presenters are: Dr. Mollie Saxon, June Richardson, Carol Baron, and Calvin Churchwell. The seminar will cover the common causes of vision disorders in children and adults, the components of a low vision exam, and the different types of low vision aids and therapies that are used to maximize remaining vision in children and adults. Intense hands-on training will be provided. The cost of registration has not yet been determined. However, all participants



*Lisa Reynolds and
Bette Parker*

will need to pay \$2.50 for lunch. There will be limited spaces available for this workshop.

You can obtain continuing education credit through AER online courses at onlineCE@aerbvi.org. Also, check out Hadley School for Professional Studies at www.hadley.edu/hsps and the ACVREP website www.acvrep.org for the location and dates of ACVREP approved programs.

This committee wants your ideas for future professional development activities. Please contact Lisa Reynolds at lreynolds@lwsb.org or #501-664-7100 if you are interested in participating in the June workshop, have questions, or information to share.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock [UALR]

Pat Smith and Bill Jacobson

The Rehabilitation of the Blind master degree programs in Orientation & Mobility and in Rehabilitation Teaching are celebrating their 35th Anniversary this year. Thanks to the efforts of leaders like Roy Kumpe, Max Woolly, and Larry Dickerson, whose ten years of advocating the federal government to provide scholarships, resulted in the establishment of the programs in 1975 through the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and later transferred to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The programs are planning a reception at the International AER conference to be held in Little Rock in July. Graduates of the program and former faculty will be asked to send in memories of their time at UALR, which will be available at the reception. At this time we do not know which evening of

the conference will be scheduled as the "reception night", but do plan on joining us!



Pat Smith and Diane Woolly

Lions World Services for the Blind

Dan Noble, Public Relations Director

As of January 20, 2010 Lions World Services for the Blind has served over 9,550 clients from all fifty states and fifty-eight other countries.

In an effort to ensure our vocational programs meet the needs of both our clients and the current market place, we are reviewing our program offerings to make sure that we are providing the most up to date information and training modules. During this review process we are hoping to consolidate some training programs and this would allow Lions World Services for the Blind to provide new classes at our campus. We hope to be able to make an announcement about any new opportunities in the near future.

Lions World Services for the Blind hosted the 2009 Vision Award Luncheon on Thursday, November 12th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Downtown Little Rock. Dr. Bobby Roberts, Director of the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), was this year's honoree. Each year, the World Services for the Blind Foundation selects a distinguished Arkansan with a personal commitment to community service. The Vision Award honors individuals who have demonstrated far-reaching vision to successfully orchestrate events through business enterprises or community and governmental involvement to help better society for all citizens, both with and without sight.

Lions World Services for the Blind also hosted the Inaugural Vision of Hope Society Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, December 1st at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock. This dinner was to recognize those individuals and corporations that have donated \$5,000 or more to Lions World Services for the Blind. There were

sixty-four individuals (representing eight different states) that qualified for the honor of being Charter Members of the Vision of Hope Society. In addition to dinner, the attendees had the opportunity to meet and hear from the new President and CEO, Dr. Larry Dickerson. Dr. Dickerson spoke about the future direction of Lions World Services for the Blind; efforts in recruiting more clients, plans to upgrade the current campus and training programs.

Arkansas School for the Blind

Jim Hill, Superintendent

This year has been a tough year for the Arkansas School for the Blind due to two separate budget cuts experienced during this budget year. We had one budget cut that exceeded \$127,000 and another for \$143,000 for a total budget cut for this budget year of \$270,000. Most of our funds are fixed with no wiggle room for savings. However, we have identified the areas where we can save that amount of money and it has resulted in cuts that leave us very uncomfortable, but none the less they are necessary. One of the areas where cuts were made was money budgeted for meetings, registration fees, and travel/lodging/food.

Unfortunately, the budget cuts in this area are funds normally used for staff in-service, including the AER yearly meeting registration cost. ASB continues to support the goals and objectives of AER and, hopefully, we will be able to reinstate those funds during the next budget year. Funds

for in-service opportunities certainly was not the only area where cuts were made. There were several areas where we reduced our expenses, but the budget cuts will not result in lay-off of staff and our educational program will remain strong.



*Sean and Lis Geoghegan,
Teresa Bailey, and Harold Williams*

Arkansas Lighthouse Celebrates 70th Anniversary

Bill Johnson, CEO

2010 will mark the Lighthouse's 70th Anniversary. Begun in 1940 as the dream of a Methodist minister who was blind, the late Rev. Jeff Smith, the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind's first operation was in a small workshop behind the Arkansas School for the Blind. Dedicated by Helen Keller, a workshop was operated in East Little Rock before the current manufacturing operation opened at 69th and Murray Streets in 1966.

A major fundraising event, Dining in the Dark, will mark the 70th anniversary of the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind. Event proceeds will go to retire debt from the renovation of the Lighthouse's current facility into new production space, an employee break room and a meeting room. Arkansas dining enthusiasts will have the opportunity to discover how darkness will enhance their senses of smell and taste while supporting a cause that is important to our state March 4, 2010 at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion, 1800 Center St. Arkansas First Lady, Ginger Beebe is Chairperson for the event Steering Committee.



*Bill Woolly and
Bill Johnson*

Expanded Lighthouse Ready to Produce New Products, New Jobs

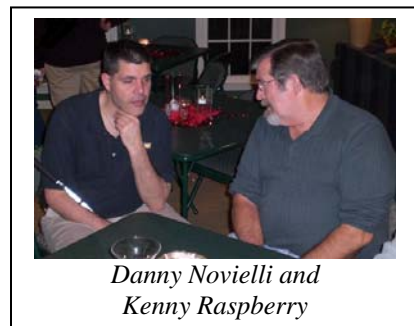
The Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind physical plant in Little Rock is bigger and better than ever.

A new 20,000-square-foot warehouse has been constructed, and the existing warehouse has been converted into 17,000 square feet of manufacturing and production space. A new roof, gallery, rest rooms, employee break room and outside dining facilities are complete. Renovated portions of the old production areas are ready to accommodate new products and services.

"Today we have the space and the facilities to add new product lines, provide new services and hire more employees who are blind and visually impaired," said Bill Johnson, Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind Chief Executive Officer. "The past five years have seen tremendous growth here, but the future holds even more opportunity to improve employees' quality of life as we produce quality products for our customers."

The new employee break room accommodates 120 people and includes expanded counter space, vending areas and an outside covered patio for dining, according to Johnson. The gallery, a walkway between the production space and employee break area, will house artwork by employees and others who are blind and visually impaired, as well as awards and historical photos.

In December the last phases of the building renovation and expansion were completed with the creation of a 50-seat training and conference facility and updating of the building's façade. Architecture firm for the project is Morris and Associates of Scott and construction management services are being provided by CBM Construction of North Little Rock.



*Danny Novielli and
Kenny Raspberry*

"The new conference room will allow us to host regional National Industries for the Blind meetings and invite Lions Clubs and community groups associated with the blind to utilize our meeting room in addition to providing a training space with computers for use by our employees," Johnson said.

State Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) Update

Katy Morris, Director

Change seems to be the password at DSB in the last year. Since last AER meeting, the Division has seen significant retirement, promotions, new hires, etc., along with numerous new program initiatives. Currently, RT services are provided by Jimmy Jones/Ft. Smith, Omagene Farley/Fayetteville, Margaret Magar/Batesville, Mary Sloan/Little Rock, Bob Connell/Pine Bluff, Kim Harkey/Jonesboro, Doris Weaver/West Memphis, and Linda Register/Texarkana. Vacant Rehab Teacher positions are also under recruitment in Little Rock, Harrison and El Dorado.

DSB Rehab Teachers are serving across program lines, providing both vocational rehabilitation and independent living services, including a little technology support to consumers at the local level. They use a computer program to allocate their time and keep the books straight (which is no small feat). Statewide the DSB corps of Rehab Teachers is expanding from 9 to 11 positions, with current positions being recruited in Harrison and El Dorado. The RTs hope this will enable them to spend less time travelling and more time teaching, to improve the overall quality of services to consumers.

The DSB State Plan calls for increased partnership with Education, School for the Blind, VA, Community Rehab Programs, Higher Education, etc. to advance the personal and economic independence of the consumers we serve. The DSB Rehab Teaching staff, and the rest of us who support them, look forward to working with our fellow AER members in 2010 to make that independence happen.



*Kathy Brown, Barbara Kemp,
and Diane Woolly*

Educational Services for the Visually Impaired

Anglyn Young, State Coordinator

Educational Services for the Visually Impaired is proud to announce our newest Educational Vision Consultant, Marsha Clark, who joined us in August. Marsha has worked as a Teacher of the Visually Impaired in Arkansas public schools for over 15 years. Prior to joining us in August she completed her studies in Orientation and Mobility and is a dual certified TVI/COMS. Marsha was chosen as Arkansas' first APH Scholar in 2007. We are excited to have such an outstanding new addition to our staff.

ESVI, as a member of the Low Incidence Paraprofessional Task Force established by the Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education, completed and filmed a Low Incidence Paraprofessional Training Module that will soon be available for statewide training.

ESVI continues to provide regional and state wide workshops for Teachers of the Visually Impaired as well as district staff working with children who are blind and visually impaired. The focus this year will be "CVI - Pieces of the Puzzle: Materials and Techniques for working with students with Cortical Visual Impairment Level I through Level III Extension." This workshop will be presented by Terri Fowler TVI, Rogers and Chris Kline TVI, Springdale in partnership with ESVI.



*Sharon Niemczyk, Maranda
Cole, Melanie Birthright and
Pam Raspberry*

AR-AER AWARDS

The Arkansas AER Awards Committee presents awards on an annual basis to recognize outstanding professionals and advocates within the field of blindness and visual impairment. Nominations for each of the following awards and scholarships are considered: Wall of Tribute, J. Max Woolly Award, Joyce Ogburn Award, Tom Phifer Award, Arkansas Distinguished Advocate Awards and the Bill Tomlin Scholarship. The criterion for each award is listed below. Please note that the Wall of Tribute is a recently established honor, which must be voted on by the entire AR-AER Board. Nominations are currently being accepted for 2010 awards, which will be presented at our state banquet on Monday, May 10. Nominations and support letters will be accepted and must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 2, 2010. Nominations for the Wall of Tribute must be received by March 1, 2010. All correspondence should be sent to:

Dr. Pat Smith
AR-AER Awards Committee Chair
Dept. of CARE
UALR
Little Rock, AR 72204

J. Max Woolly Award

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of work for people with visual impairments. The award may be given to an AR- AER member for the following reasons:

1. Efforts far in excess of those of similar professional rank.
2. Professional excellence or accomplishment and outstanding achievements in one's own profession.
3. Personal intervention, which has directly helped a visually impaired client who was classified as difficult with the assistance changing the client to a successful orientation.
4. Research or literature accomplishments.
5. Development of a new technical adaptation or strategy that will benefit the consumer.
6. Accomplishments in the area of organization of and for the blind.

This award is not necessarily given each year, but only when the awards committee feels it has been earned. Nominations should refer to the specific criteria met by the nominee and should be accompanied by three letters of support. Note: all letters of support will be held in confidence by the Nomination Committee. Letters of nomination must be from current AR-AER members.

Joyce Ogburn Memorial Award

The Joyce Ogburn Memorial Award is dedicated to the memory of Joyce Ogburn, a teacher at the Arkansas School for the Blind from 1971 to 1985. The dedication she showed to her students, school and colleagues was an inspiration to all who knew and worked with her. This award is meant to inspire others to walk in her footsteps and will honor only those who aspire to her ideals. The award will be made when deemed appropriate by the AR-AER Awards Committee on the basis of the following:

1. Nominations may be made by AR-AER members only and accompanied by three letters of support. Note: all letters of support will be held in confidence by the Nomination Committee.
2. Recipients must be AR-AER members.
3. The recipient must be an instructor/teacher of visually impaired persons.
4. The award will be presented to a person who had rendered outstanding service in the field of education or rehabilitation of the visually impaired as demonstrated by:
 - a. Willingness to work beyond usual job requirements;
 - b. Concern for individual needs of students or clients;
 - c. Involvement in professional organizations;
 - d. Dedication to the highest professional ideals.

Tom Phifer Award

This award is in recognition of Tom Phifer, an Arkansas rehabilitation counselor who worked tirelessly to improve and enhance employment opportunities for persons who are blind and visually impaired. The award is to be given to an individual working in the field of blindness who has made significant contributions toward the independence of blind and visually impaired persons living in the state of Arkansas. Contributions may be made in the following areas:

1. Professional excellence or accomplishment in the area of rehabilitation teaching or vocational rehabilitation.
2. Utilization of new strategies, techniques, or equipment to achieve the independence goals of individuals with visual impairments.
3. Promotion of a positive image for potential employment of individuals who are blind and visually impaired.
4. Promoting the transition of persons who are blind or visually impaired into an independent lifestyle.

Recipients of this award must be members of AR-AER and the award will only be given when an individual with significant merit is nominated. Nominations must refer to specific criteria and should be accompanied by three letters of support. Note: all letters of support will be held in confidence by the Nomination Committee. Letters of nomination must be from current AR-AER members.

Arkansas Distinguished Advocate Awards *(For Groups and Individuals)* *(“ADAA Boy Awards”)*

These two awards are designed to honor individuals and organizations, groups, or businesses outside our “traditional” professional field. Contrary to other established awards, these will be announced prior to the state conference. The criteria for the awards are as follows:

1. Nominations for either award can come from any source.
2. Awards recipients are NOT limited to citizens of Arkansas or AER members.
3. The nominated person or group must demonstrate outstanding contributions to the dignity, independence and/or advancement of persons who are visually impaired in Arkansas.
4. The person or group efforts should benefit Arkansans who are blind or visually impaired.

Wall of Tribute

Guidelines for the AR-AER Board to place individuals on the Wall of Tribute housed at American Printing House for the Blind:

1. The AR-AER Board will vote on who should be honored for the Wall of Tribute Plaque.
2. The Honor will not be a yearly award, but will be made at the discretion of the Board.
3. The size and wording for the plaque will be determined by the AR-AER Board.
4. Any AR-AER member in good standing may submit a nominee to a current AR-AER Board member.
5. Board members may also nominate individuals for this award.

Criteria: In order to be considered for this nomination the chairperson of the Awards Committee should verify the following:

- The nominee must have been retired from his or her primary work in the field of vision for at least five years.
- The nominee’s career should have been for at least twenty-five years in duration in the education or rehabilitation fields.
- A nominee should have been a twenty-year active member of AEVH, AAWB, or AER (combinations of these organizations is acceptable).
- An active member is an individual who has attended or presented at state and international conferences on a regular basis, has served on committees, held an office, or served on the Board of AEVH, AAWB, or AER.

**Bill Tomlin Scholarship Award
Application Form**

Page 1 of 4

This award was established by the Arkansas Chapter of the Association for Rehabilitation and Education of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AR-AER) to honor the memory of long time AR-AER member and past-president Bill Tomlin. A monetary award will be made each year to a student who is blind or visually impaired and who will be enrolled in a post-secondary educational or vocational training program for the 2010-2011 school year. Funds will be awarded for the purchase of textbooks, specialized materials or adaptive equipment. The award this year will be in the amount of \$1,000.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Applicant must be legally blind and enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary or educational program.**
- 2. Applicant must currently be a legal resident of the state of Arkansas.**
- 3. Applicant must submit a signed application with required supporting documents to the AR-AER Awards Committee Chairperson by April 2, 2010.**

Submit Application and Materials to:

**Dr. Pat Smith
Awards Committee Chair
Dept. of CARE
UALR
Little Rock, AR 72204**

Bill Tomlin Scholarship Award Application Form

Page 2 of 4

Supporting Documentation

References: Two letters of recommendation from instructors or counselors at schools or facilities, which you have attended.

Autobiography: Include no more than one to two type written pages listing personal goals, perceived strengths and needs, hobbies, honors, extra-curricular activities, achievements, etc. If you have decided upon a field of study or a particular area of training, indicate why you are interested and your reasons for choosing that particular field of endeavor.

Transcript: A certified transcript of your grades from the school you are presently attending, or have most recently attended if applicable.

Conditions for Award

- 1. Proof of acceptance from applicant's choice of post-secondary training site is required before the monetary award can be made.**
- 2. Scholarship recipients will be notified of the award prior to the state AR-AER Banquet. Public announcement and acceptance of the award will take place at the conference awards banquet May 10, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.**
- 3. Monetary awards will be made by AR- AER directly to the post secondary educational or training facility indicated by the applicant. Awards may also be paid directly to specified vendors or agencies for the purchase of adaptive equipment.**

**Bill Tomlin Scholarship Award
Application Form
Page 3 of 4**

Personal Data:

Name: _____ **D.O.B.:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____

Other: _____

Cause of Visual Impairment:

Visual Acuity:

Method of Reading (check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Braille | <input type="checkbox"/> Recordings | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Print |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Print | <input type="checkbox"/> Live Readers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If other, please explain _____

**Bill Tomlin Scholarship Award
Application Form
Page 4 of 4**

Educational Background:

Current or most recent school or training facility attended:

Name of School:

Address:

Proposed or Current Field of Study:

Cumulative Grade Point Average, if applicable _____
(Based on four point scale)

Applicant's Signature

Date