

**Bill Tomlin Scholarship Award**  
**Application Form**  
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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 2008-2009 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 15, 2008.

**Personal Data:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **D.O.B.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: Home** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of Visual Impairment:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Visual Acuity:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Method of Reading (check all that apply)**

Braille

Recordings

Large Print

Regular Print

Live Readers

Other

**If other, please explain** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Background:**

**Current or most recent school or training facility attended:**

**Name of School:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Proposed or Current Field of Study:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cumulative Grade Point Average, if applicable** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Based on four point scale)*

***Submit Application and Materials to:***

Judy Jewell

Awards Committee Chair

Arkansas School for the Blind

2600 West Markham Street

Little Rock, AR 72203

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**Supporting Documentation**

**References:** Two letters of recommendation from instructors/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 annual state AR-AER Conference. Public announcement and acceptance of the award will take place at the conference awards luncheon, May 13, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.**
- 3. Monetary awards will be made by 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.**

**Applicant's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_**