

## KATIE SIBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

The purpose of the scholarship is to foster the acquisition and improvement of skills necessary to provide high quality educational opportunities to visually impaired students. In a typical year, the Katie Sibert Committee awards \$3,000 divided among qualified applicants.

These scholarships may be used to attend CTEBVI conferences, provide training, purchase books, materials and/or equipment. Scholarships awarded must be used as stated in the application. The application deadline is April 2, 2021. Winners will be notified by April 16, 2021 at the General Session during conference.

Katie Sibert was a charter member of CTEVH (now CTEBVI). She began teaching elementary grades in the 1930s before becoming a resource room teacher and coordinator of programs for students with visual impairments for Stanislaus County. During the summers, Katie prepared teachers at San Francisco State, the University of Minnesota, Columbia University, and Portland State. She published and presented in many venues. In 1960, she was awarded the Winifred Hathaway Teacher of the Year Award for the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Katie retired from teaching in 1971. After her retirement, she consulted with many schools in the U.S. and internationally (including Denmark and Portugal), and developed materials for APH.

### KATIE SIBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS

- All applicants must be current members of CTEBVI at the time of the application.
- Transcribers must be actively transcribing.
- Educators must have a credential in the education of students with visual impairments or be enrolled in a program to earn such a credential.
- Para-educators must be actively supporting the educational and literacy needs of children with visual impairments.
- No sitting or pending board member is eligible to apply for or to receive a scholarship award made by the organization.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Application Packet must be received on or before the February 15, 2020 deadline.
- Cover letter describing the applicant's qualifications and/or experience in transcribing or educating the visually impaired.
- Two current (within the past 12 months) letters of recommendation as follows:

**TRANSCRIBERS** must have two letters of recommendation from their group or agency on letterhead.

**EDUCATORS** must have two letters of recommendation (e.g., principal, college professor) on letterhead.

**PARA-EDUCATORS** must have two letters of recommendation (e.g., TVI, regular education teacher).

### LETTERS SHOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Professional and/or volunteer experiences of the applicant, including those with visually impaired and other disabled persons.
- Community involvement of the applicant.
- Certificates or credentials held by the applicant.
- Personal interests, talents, or special skills of the applicant.
- Honors or awards received by the applicant.

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Date:

Name:

Address:

Primary Contact Number:

Secondary Contact Number:

Email Address: (required)

Check if you are:

Educator

Para-educator

School District

Transcriber

## PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

Describe how the scholarship will be used. Include a breakdown - line by line item of expenditures: (e.g. training, registration costs, transportation, and lodging)

