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TO: Special Education Administrators
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Interested Applicants

FROM: Selection Committee
Susan Matthews, Chair

DATE: October 2009

RE: LOU FONTANA SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICANTS

The Selection Committee for the Lou Fontana Scholarship Fund is soliciting applicants for this year's award.

The Lou Fontana Scholarship Fund is maintained through the cooperative efforts of the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC), the Department of Education, and the University of Maine as a tribute to Lou Fontana and to his many contributions to children with disabilities throughout Maine.

A criterion for student selection is enclosed. Please disseminate this information to persons who may be interested in applying (e.g. college graduate students, teachers, ed. techs.).

Applications materials should be received by March 5, 2010. Please submit to:

Susan Matthews
Director of Special Services
Lisbon School Dept.
19 Gartley St.
Lisbon, ME 04250
(207) 353-3060

Applicants will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. All applicants will be notified of the decision by April 28, 2010.

LOU FONTANA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Student Grade Point Average
- Work experience with people with disabilities (paid and/or volunteer)
- Resume
- “Statement of Commitment” to working with students with disabilities

DEADLINES:

- Applications must be received by March 5, 2010 to be considered for the support of academic pursuits during the 2010-2011 school year.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

- Undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Maine system who are matriculating toward a degree in teaching Special Education, preferably in the area of Severe Disabilities, but anyone pursuing a degree in Special Education will be considered. Preference may be given to applicants following a non-traditional path to the profession.

APPLICATIONS:

Applications must include four (4) copies of each of the following:

- A profile of the applicant’s background (100-150 words) which can serve as the basis of a press release
- Up-to-date copies of transcripts
- A completed resume
- A written “Statement of Commitment” to working with students with disabilities
- A cover letter that states how this scholarship will assist the student in completing studies in teaching Special Education

SEND APPLICATION FOLDER BY MARCH 5, 2010 TO:

Susan Matthews
Director of Special Services
School Union #30
19 Gartley St.
Lisbon, ME 04250

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$750.00