



## **A. LEIGH PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Selection Committee for the A. Leigh Phillips Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for this year's award in the amount of \$1,000.00

The A. Leigh Scholarship Fund is maintained through the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC) and was established through the cooperative efforts of the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC), the Maine Department of Education (MDOE), and the Maine Council of School Board Attorneys (MCSBA), as a tribute to Ms. Phillips and her many contributions to children with disabilities throughout Maine.

Anne Leigh Phillips was born on December 6, 1942 in Santa Ana, California and grew up in Virginia. She was a talented dancer and majorette. At age 16, Leigh contracted all four strains of polio. She had recently auditioned to be a dancer in a Broadway musical. Leigh earned her B.A. in English from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia and her M.A. in English from the University of Connecticut. From 1981-1988, Leigh was employed by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. In 1988, she was hired by the Maine Department of Education as an Education Specialist II for Exceptional Children in the Program Review office. Leigh's life was dedicated to serving people with disabilities. Her influence and advocacy on the part of persons with disabilities was felt across the State of Maine. She enjoyed and loved her home in Islesboro. Leigh succumbed to cancer on October 17, 1998.

Applications are open to Maine high school seniors going on to post-secondary education and who hold a current identified disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Maine Unified Special Education Regulations (MUSER) Chapter 101. This does not include students who are identified only under Section 504.

**Please submit one copy of the entire application packet, including one set of originals of each letter of reference and transcript to: [info@madsec.org](mailto:info@madsec.org)**

**All application materials must be submitted electronically on or before April 30, 2025.**

Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision by May 31, 2025.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Graduating Maine high school senior

- With exceptional achievement in one or more of the following areas:
  - Ability to overcome adversity
  - Academics
  - Extra-curricular/core-curricular
  - Leadership
  - Volunteerism
  - Work ethic
- With a disability identified under IDEA and MUSER Chapter 101
- Going on to post-secondary education

## **DEADLINES**

- Application packet must be received electronically at [info@madsec.org](mailto:info@madsec.org) on or before April 30, 2025 to be considered for the support of post-secondary academic pursuits during the 2025-2026 school year
- Applicants notified of Selection Committee's decision by May 31, 2025

## **APPLICATIONS**

Applications must include all documents as outlined below and complete in order to be considered by the committee:

- A profile of the applicant's background (100-150 words) which can serve as the basis for a press release;
- A completed resume and/or vitae, including an active email address;
- Three (3) letters of reference/nomination with the person's job title included with their signature; at least one letter of reference or nomination must be from a school administrator (superintendent, principal, special education administrator); submission must include original set of letters of reference or nomination;
- An up-to-date copy of high school transcript with explanation of the grading system (one original of transcript);
- A copy of the first page of the applicant's current 2024-2025 school year Individualized Education Program (IEP) that lists the student's disability; and
- A completed A. Leigh Phillips Scholarship application;

## **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT**

\$1,000.00 awarded after successful completion of the first semester and registration for the second semester. A letter and transcript from the Registrar's office of the post-secondary institution must be mailed to the MADSEC office at 49 Community Dr., Suite 1, Augusta, ME 04330 or emailed to [info@madsec.org](mailto:info@madsec.org) prior to scholarship funds being awarded. Funds will be sent directly to the post-secondary institution.

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**2025 Scholarship Application**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian/Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Guidance Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability identified under IDEA and MUSER Chapter 101: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Post-secondary Institution to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of your exceptional achievement in one or more of the following areas:

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| Ability to Overcome Adversity     | Academics  |
| Extra-curricular, core-curricular | Leadership |
| Volunteerism                      | Work ethic |

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If the applicant is **17 years of age** or if the applicant is 18 years of age or older and subject to legal guardianship, the signature of the parent or legal guardian is required in order to release personally identifiable information as part of the scholarship award process (including press release).

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

If the applicant is **18 years of age** and not subject to legal guardianship, the adult student's signature is required in order to release personally identifiable information as part of the scholarship award process (including press release).

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed application packet, i.e., profile of applicant's background, completed resume and/or vitae, three (3) original letters of reference or nomination, up-to-date original high school transcript with explanation of grading system, copy of the first page of applicant's IEP, and application form must be electronically submitted to the MADSEC office on or before April 30, 2025**

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Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities

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