



Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities

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The Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) is pleased to announce its annual presentation of awards. Each year individuals, business leaders, and local high schools nominate outstanding residents for the John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award and students with physical or sensory disabilities seeking post-secondary education apply for the Gerry Bertier Scholarship sponsored by HeimLantz CPA's.

John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

The John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award was established in 1989 in memory of John Duty Collins III, a founder and Vice Chair of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities. During his lifetime, Mr. Collins worked tirelessly to improve accessibility in facilities throughout Alexandria including the Courthouse, City Hall, and Chinquapin Center. Mr. Collins also served as co-chair of the task force that established the DOT Paratransit program. The award includes a \$500 donation in the recipient's name to an organization of the recipient's choice that contributes to the promotion of equal opportunity for persons with disabilities within the City of Alexandria. Funding for the John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate Award is provided by the Collins Family.

Gerry Bertier Scholarship

The Gerry Bertier Scholarship sponsored by HeimLantz CPA's is awarded based on merit to a City of Alexandria resident with a disability or to a student with a disability attending a school located in the City of Alexandria who is seeking post-secondary education. The scholarship was established in honor of, and to recognize, the accomplishments of Gerry Bertier, a T.C. Williams High School graduate, who became severely disabled after he co-captained the Titans in their fabled 1971 football season. After being injured in an automobile accident that left him with a mobility impairment, he devoted his life to the service of persons with disabilities and became a strong advocate for disability rights. He went on to receive many gold medals in national and international athletic competitions and in 1981 he received the National Volunteer of the Year Award given by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Nominations

You are encouraged to apply or submit nominations for any or all categories. Selection of the respective recipients will be based on information presented in the nomination package. **All nominations must be received no later than April 30, 2011.** Please e-mail your completed application and/or nominations to mike.hatfield@alexandriava.gov or mail to:

Mike Hatfield
Office of Human Rights
421 King Street, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22314

The awards will be presented at a reception, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions on the awards, applications, or nomination forms, please contact Mike Hatfield at mike.hatfield@alexandriava.gov or call 703.746.3148, 711 TTY.

Sincerely,



Chuck Benagh, Chair

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**THE JOHN DUTY COLLINS III
OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES AWARD 2011
NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Person Making Nomination: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

The award includes a \$500 donation in the recipient's name to an organization of the recipient's choice that contributes to the promotion of equal opportunity for persons with disabilities within the City of Alexandria.

Briefly explain on the following page, why you believe the nominee should receive the John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award. Attach additional pages if necessary.

You can e-mail the nomination to mike.hatfield@alexandriava.gov or mail it to:

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NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30, 2011

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Gerry Bertier Scholarship Sponsored by HeimLantz CPA's 2011 Application Instructions & Form

IMPORTANT - YOU MUST BE A CITY OF ALEXANDRIA RESIDENT OR A STUDENT AT A SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO APPLY. ALL GERRY BERTIER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30, 2011.

Please use this instruction sheet as a checklist, checking each box to ensure the application is complete.

_____ All areas of the application form must be completed prior to submission. Please note that there are two pages to the application.

_____ Personal statement on how you plan to use your education must be typed or clearly written and must not exceed two pages.

_____ You must include the names of three references and their contact information on the application form; however, at least one of these references must be in writing and submitted as supporting documentation with your application.

_____ Please include all materials in the same envelope.

Questions about the scholarship should be directed to Mike Hatfield at mike.hatfield@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.3148, 711 TTY.

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**GERRY BERTIER SCHOLARSHIP
SPONSORED BY HEIMLANTZ CPA's
APPLICATION 2011**

Name of Applicant

Address

City

State

Zip

Date Of Birth

Date of High School Graduation

Telephone number

Email address

Describe Your Disability

Identify Specific School / Program In Which You Intend to Enroll

List and Briefly Describe Awards And/ Or Extracurricular Activities

Other Sources of Financial Aid For Which You Have Applied Or Are Receiving

**** (You may attach additional sheets to answer any questions in the application) ****

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Please explain how you plan to use your education to help make the world a better place. _____

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REFERENCES:

Please provide three references. At least reference must be written and attached. References may be from any of the following: teacher, counselor, mentor, or work supervisor.

1. Name of Reference and Relationship: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

2. Name of Reference and Relationship: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

3. Name of Reference and Relationship: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

To the best of my knowledge all of the information in this application is accurate and correct. I understand that if selected for a scholarship, my name and photograph may be used for media coverage. **I also understand that I must attend the ACPD's Awards ceremony on June 28, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. to receive the scholarship.** Scholarship funds will only be distributed directly to, and in the name of, the specific institution named in the above application upon receipt of the invoice.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Gerry Bertier Scholarship Sponsored by HeimLantz CPA's Award Guidelines

1. The applicant must be:
 - a. A person with a physical, sensory, or cognitive disability who is pursuing post-secondary education and
 - b. A resident of the City of Alexandria or a student at a school located in the City of Alexandria.

2. The award will be:
 - a. Up to \$1,000 per recipient per year.
 - b. Available for tuition, room, board, supplies, or fees.
 - c. Payable to the post-secondary institution.
 - d. Usable over the length of the recipient's post-secondary educational career.
 - e. Non-transferable.
 - f. Forfeited to the extent that the funds are not used prior to completion or termination of the recipient's post secondary educational career.

3. The recipient shall:
 - a. Attend the ACPD Awards Ceremony to receive the scholarship or shall be represented at the Awards Ceremony by an alternate.
 - b. Provide feedback to the ACPD on the process for applying for the scholarship and the collection of the proceeds of the award.

4. Each application will be reviewed for the following criteria:
 - a. Academic and extra curricular achievement.
 - b. Plans to give back to the community.
 - c. References.
 - d. Financial need.
 - e. Previous Bertier Scholarship awards.

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