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Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

The story of United States Senator Robert C. Byrd is a classic American saga of success and achievement. Born in 1917 in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, he was left a virtual orphan by the widespread influenza epidemic that struck down millions in the wake of World War I. Carried to West Virginia at the age of three years by his aunt and uncle to be reared as their own, the future senator grew up in various coal mining communities, mastering life's early lessons and learning his duties as a miner's son. He graduated as valedictorian of his high school classes in the depths of the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Unable at the time to afford college tuition, Byrd sought employment wherever he found an opportunity. He worked during the war years building Liberty and Victory ships in the construction yards of Baltimore, Maryland, and Tampa, Florida. At war's end, he returned to West Virginia with a new vision of what his home state and country could be. He was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1946, then the West Virginia Senate, and then the United States House of Representatives. Currently, he represents West Virginia in the United States Senate.

The education and training of West Virginia's and America's young people have been among his career-long concerns. Inspired by the success of his Scholastic Recognition Award in promoting academic excellence among West Virginia's high school students, he authored and secured passage of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, a national plan to provide college scholarships to eligible graduating high school seniors in every state.



SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible to compete for the Byrd Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen or national, or be a permanent resident of the United States
- Be a legal resident of Oklahoma
- Be enrolled in full-time course work leading to high school graduation by the spring of 2006
- Have a minimum ACT composite score of 32 and/or a minimum SAT combined score of 1420 (testing completed prior to March 2005) and/or 2130 (Post March 2005) or a minimum GED score of 700.
- Have applied or been accepted for enrollment at an institution of higher education (public or private; instate or out-of-state) as a full-time student for 2006-2007. Students who will be attending military institutions after graduation are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

It is the policy of the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability in its programs or employment practices as required by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Civil rights compliance inquiries related to the OSDE may be directed to the Affirmative Action Officer, Room 111, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599; telephone number (405) 522-4930 or the United States Department of Education's Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Inquiries or concerns regarding compliance with Title IX by local school districts should be presented to the local school district title IX coordinator.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

Student Information & Check Sheet

2006-2007

Instructions:

Your application **must** be complete. The Oklahoma Department of Education will not assume any responsibility for screening applications and notifying applicants of incomplete or missing information. Incomplete applications not meeting requirements will not be reviewed. Please assemble your application and other materials into an application packet in the following order:

- Complete all areas on application. Include the college information on this check sheet (page 2). All applications must include signature, title and telephone number of certifying official from high school (page 3).
- Complete Academic Honors/Activities (page 4).
- Sign the Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance (page 5).
- Obtain a signed and notarized (official) high school transcript verifying applicant's ACT and/or SAT score.
- Obtain two letters of recommendation.
- Write an essay on the following theme: "Comment on the most significant challenge facing your generation and how it impacts you and those around you" (maximum of 300 words or one full page).

Please return **one original** (in the correct order) and three identically collated copies of this application packet to:

Mr. Paul Simon Director, Professional Services Oklahoma State Department of Education 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 212 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599

Remember:

Application Deadline is Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Applications must be postmarked or received at the State Department of Education by the application deadline. Incomplete or late applications will <u>not</u> be considered.

Please indicate the colleges/universities to which you have applied. Indicate if you have been accepted.					
Which college/university do you plan to attend?					

Note: The college information is not a factor in determining the recipients of the scholarship.

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Student 8 Name.	
Home Address:	
Home Telephone Number: ()	Electronic Mail:
If selected as a winner, I agree to abide by all Scholarship Program.	l rules and regulations associated with the Robert C. Byrd Honors
Typed or Printed Student's Name	Signature of Student Date
	n and your Congressional District (by number) in the space below. et in which his/her home is located. If you have questions about your congressional (05) 521-2391 (see map) for accurate information.
The Honorable	Congressional District No.(1-5)
	ADEMIC INFORMATION (i.e., high school principal, assistant principal, or school counselor)
1. This applicant will be a graduate of a p graduation recognized by the state of C	public or private secondary school or have the equivalent of a certificate of
2. The information on the official transcri ACT and/or SAT score.)	ipt concerning ACT/SAT score and GPA is correct. (Please list the applicants
3. This applicant is a United States citiz applicant is an Oklahoma resident.	zen or national, or is a permanent resident of the United States. This
Printed Name of High School Official	Title of High School Official
Signature of High School Official	Printed Name of School Superintendent
Name of High School High School Telephone Number: ()	High School Address
ACTand/or	Applicant's Test Scores SAT GED (MINIMUM 1420 or 2130) (AVERAGE STANDARD OF 700 ON FIVE TESTS)

ACADEMIC HONORS/ACTIVITIES

Name:				
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:	SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:			
ACADEMIC HONORS:	COMMUNITY SERVICE/EMPLOYMENT:			

Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs

I understand that 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61 and 75.62 require that I make specific certifications of eligibility to the United States Department of Education as a condition of applying for Federal funds in certain programs and that these requirements are in addition to any other eligibility requirements that the United States Department of Education imposes under program regulations. Under 34 CFR 75.60-75.62:

I. I certify that:

- A. I do not owe a debt, or I am current in repaying a debt, or I am not in default (as that term is used in 34 CFR Part 668) on a debt:
 - 1. To the Federal Government under a non-procurement transaction (e.g., a previous loan, scholarship, grant, or cooperative agreement); or
 - 2. For a fellowship, scholarship, stipend, discretionary grant, or loan in any program of the U. S. Department of Education that is subject to the 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62 including:
 - Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a, et. seq.);
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant {SEOG} Program (20 U.S.C. 1070b, et. seq.);
 - State Student Incentive Grant Program {SSIG} (20 U.S.C. 1070c, et. seq.);
 - Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa, et. Seq.);
 - Income Contingent Direct Loan Demonstration Program (U.S.C. 1087a, note);
 - Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students {SLS}, Federal PLUS, or Federal Consolidation Loan Program (U.S.C. 1071, et. Seq.);
 - Cuban Student Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 2601, et. Seq.);
 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship (20 U.S.C. 1070d-31, et. seq.);
 - Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program (20 U.S.C. 1134h-1134i);
 - Patricia Robert Harris Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1134d-1134g);
 - Christina McAuliffe Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1105-1105i);
 - Bilingual Education Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 3221-3262);
 - Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1104, et. seq.);
 - Law Enforcement Education Program (42 U.S.C. 3775);
 - Indian Fellowship Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));

Or

- B. I have made arrangements satisfactory to the United State Department of Education to repay a debt as described in A.1 or A.2 (above) on which I had not been current in repaying or on which I was in default (as the term is used in 34 CFR Part 668).
- II. I certify also that I have not been declared by a judge, as a condition of sentencing under Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 862), ineligible to receive Federal assistance for the period of this requested funding.

I understand that providing a false certification to any of the statements above makes me liable for repayment to the U.S. Department of Education for funds received on the basis of this certification, for civil penalties, and for criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

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Student's Name Typed or Printed	Signature of Student	Date
Student's Social Security Number		

Name of U.S. Department of Education program in which this certification is being made: <u>Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program- Oklahoma</u> ED80-0016 (Revised 10/92)

Oklahoma Congressional Districts

