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September 20, 2011

TO: Dietetics Program Directors, LDA District Presidents

FROM: Dan Morel, Scholarship Chair

SUBJECT: LDA Scholarships

This year the Louisiana Dietetic Association will sponsor the merit scholarships below. These awards are intended to encourage students to pursue a career in dietetics.

1. LDA Junior Merit Scholarship
2. LDA Senior Merit Scholarship
3. Irene Toliver Pyburn Merit Award
4. LDA Member Graduate Study Awards
5. Dietetic Technician Scholarship

Applicants will be evaluated on: scholastic achievement, potential qualities as a food and nutrition professional, activities, faculty recommendations, financial assistance needed, and plans for the future.

The LDA Scholarship Committee would appreciate your distributing the enclosed application form to qualified dietetics students. Completed applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2012** to the LDA Executive Director. Scholarship information and application forms are enclosed. Information is also available on the LDA web site: [www.eatrightlouisiana.org](http://www.eatrightlouisiana.org). We would appreciate it if you would make your students aware of these scholarships.

The award recipients will be recognized at the LDA Annual Meeting April 18-20, 2012 in Baton Rouge, LA.

Mail applications to: Bland O'Connor, LDA Executive Director  
Louisiana Dietetic Association  
8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 1001  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809



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## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Each year the Louisiana Dietetic Association sponsors merit scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and technician students in dietetics. These scholarships are presented to recognize outstanding students and are intended to aid and encourage students to pursue a career in dietetics. The scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the LDA Annual Business Meeting at the 2012 Food & Nutrition Conference & Exposition in April in Baton Rouge, LA.

Applications for Louisiana Dietetic Association Scholarship Awards are sent to all colleges and universities in Louisiana that offer programs in Nutrition/Dietetics. A memo and the scholarship packet are sent to all Directors of Didactic Programs in Dietetics and all District Presidents. These individuals are responsible for distribution of the applications.

To be eligible for these awards, the individual must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in Nutrition/Dietetics in the state of Louisiana.

The Scholarship Committee of the LDA hereby requests applications for its merit scholarships. The deadline for all applications is **March 1, 2012**. All applications must be postmarked on or before this date to be considered. Please follow application guidelines in each category. Only complete applications will be evaluated.

Application information (application and personal letter), transcript and letters of recommendation should be mailed by your faculty advisor and sent to the LDA Executive Director postmarked by March 1, 2012. The Executive Director will code the application numerically and remove all biographical data. The blinded applications will be sent to the LDA Scholarship Chair for selection of the recipients by the Scholarship Committee.

### **Letters of recommendation should include the following:**

- Applicant's name and name of scholarship applied for.
- Capacity in which applicant is known.
- Length of time applicant is known.
- Applicant's potential as a student and a professional.
- Applicant's personality traits, strengths and weaknesses.
- Applicant's leadership potential.
- Applicant need for the scholarship.
- Any other information which would improve applicant's opportunity to receive a scholarship.

## **Scholarship Information & Application Guidelines**

The LDA currently sponsors five (5) scholarships:

### **LDA JUNIOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship for \$500 is presented to an outstanding sophomore in an undergraduate degree program in dietetics who will be entering his/her junior year in the fall. The recipient must present evidence of university registration before monies will be issued.

Submit:

1. Completed application form.
2. Personal letter stating your career and educational intentions and goals, the reason you selected dietetics as a career, your need for the scholarship, and why you would be a deserving scholarship recipient.
3. Transcript of college credits (including first semester of sophomore year and overall average).
4. Three letters of recommendation from: Head of the Department, an instructor in dietetics, and another instructor.

### **LDA SENIOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship for \$500 is presented to a senior in an undergraduate degree program in dietetics. The recipient must be accepted into an internship or supervised practice program (AP4) before receiving the award. The recipient must complete the program and plan to become an active member of the ADA. The recipient should have intentions to practice in the profession.

Submit:

1. Completed application form.
2. Personal letter stating your career and educational intentions and goals, the reason you selected dietetics as a career, your need for the scholarship, and why you would be a deserving scholarship recipient.
3. Transcript of all college credits (including first semester of senior year and overall average).
4. Three letters of recommendation from: Head of the Department, an instructor in dietetics, and another instructor.

### **IRENE TOLIVER PYBURN MERIT AWARD**

This award for \$1000 is presented to the most outstanding senior student in Louisiana who is majoring in dietetics. The recipient of this award must be accepted into an internship or supervised practice program (AP4) before receiving the award. The recipient must complete the program and plan to become an active member of the ADA. The recipient should have intentions to practice in the profession.

Submit:

1. Completed application form.
2. Personal letter stating your career and educational intentions and goals, the reason why you selected dietetics as a career and your need for the scholarship and why you would be a deserving scholarship recipient.
3. Transcript of all college credits (including first semester of senior year and overall average).
4. Three letters of recommendation from: Head of the Department, an instructor in dietetics, and another instructor.

**For the Senior Merit and Irene Toliver Pyburn Scholarship Recipients:**

The recipient must notify the Scholarship Committee Chair of acceptance into an internship or AP4 program before a final selection is made by the Committee. Notification deadline is April 30, 2012.

Applicants enrolled in a graduate program at a university requiring a set number of graduate hours before acceptance into the AP-4 Program will not qualify for these scholarships until formally accepted into the AP-4 Program. Applicants may apply when these requirements are fulfilled.

**GRADUATE STUDY AWARDS (2)**

Two awards, each in the amount of \$500. Each recipient must be an active ADA member, enrolled in an accredited college or university in the field of dietetics and/or management. Each recipient must submit a personal letter stating their need for the scholarship along with the application. Special considerations: financial need and/or activities on the state and local level.

Submit:

1. Completed application form.
2. Personal letter stating your need for the scholarship.

**DIETETIC TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP**

This award for \$250 is presented to a student enrolled in a recognized dietetic technician program in the state of Louisiana or student residing in Louisiana and enrolled in a recognized dietetic technician distance learning program. The award can also be granted to a registered dietetic technician that is enrolled in a recognized dietetic program in the state of Louisiana or enrolled in a recognized dietetics distance learning program. The recipient must be a student or active member of ADA. The recipient should have intentions to practice in the dietetics profession.

**LOUISIANA DIETETIC ASSOCIATION  
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLYING FOR (CHECK ONE)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
- \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
- \_\_\_\_\_ IRENE TOLIVER PYBURN AWARD
- \_\_\_\_\_ DIETETIC TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP

*If applying for both the Senior Merit & Irene Toliver Pyburn scholarships, separate applications must be submitted.*

**SECTION I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle or Maiden)

Address (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Address (School) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION II. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

Student Classification \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

College or University	Attendance from/ to	Major	Degree	Overall Average
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Expected College Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

List Internships/AP4 programs applied to:  
(Include name and address of Internship/AP4 program and the director.) Add additional page, if needed.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

List organizations, honorary and professional fraternities and societies (indicate position held)

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List honors, awards, distinctions and scholarships

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Special skills, talents or hobbies

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Other activities (list extra curricular activities and/or positions held in campus/community based organizations)

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**SECTION III. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (ADD ADDITIONAL PAGE, IF NEEDED)**

Dates From/to	Name and Address of employer	Immediate Supervisor	Position or Responsibility
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Future Employment Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV. REFERENCES**

Name	Address	Occupation
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**Application and required documentation must be postmarked by March 1, 2012 .**

**Address to:  
LDA- Scholarship  
8550 United Plaza Blvd. Suite 1001  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809**

