



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES



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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES ANNOUNCES THE BERNARD SIEGEL & BILL TAITER MEMORIAL, THE ERNEST T. HAMILTON, JR. MEMORIAL AND THE RUBEN ANTHONY RIOS CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The **Bernard Siegel & Bill Tainter Memorial Scholarship Program** is a program that offers graduating high school students with disabilities, a financial opportunity to become more independent and self-sufficient through higher education. This year the program will offer scholarship awards in the amount of \$500 each.

[\(ACCESSIBLE LINK TO APPLICATION\)](#)

Students who meet the following criteria are encouraged to participate:

1. Students residing in the County of Los Angeles;
2. Students diagnosed with a learning or physical disability; and
3. Students with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better.

The **Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program** is a program to honor the memory of former Commissioner Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr., a disabled veteran of the Armed Forces and a life-long advocate for the disabled community, who passed away in July 2007. The Commission will present one veteran who is pursuing higher education with a \$500 scholarship award. [\(ACCESSIBLE LINK TO APPLICATION\)](#)

Veterans pursuing higher education, regardless of age, and meet the following criteria are encouraged to participate.

1. Veterans who have a disability or disabilities;
2. Have been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States under honorable conditions; and
3. Possess a valid DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214), or any other official document(s) issued by the branch of service.

The **Ruben Anthony Rios Creative Arts & Design Memorial Scholarship Program** is a program to honor the memory of former Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios, disabled artist and a life-long advocate for the disabled community. He was a member of the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists and his colorful art has been prominently displayed in the halls of the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. He was also an official ambassador of the Reeve Foundation. The Commission will present one artist who is pursuing higher education with a \$500 scholarship award. [\(ACCESSIBLE LINK TO APPLICATION\)](#)

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Applications and more information about each program can be accessed and completed by participant(s) through the Commission on Disabilities website at: www.laccod.org. The deadline to submit an application is May 9, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (213) 974-1053 or by logging onto www.laccod.org.

Thank you for your interest in the Commission on Disabilities.

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