

Great Southwest Civitan Foundation

2013 Ab Irvine Memorial Scholarship

The Great Southwest Civitan foundation is a non-profit corporation established in October of 1981. The Foundation seeks to encourage and recognize good citizenship, to develop understanding of basic human freedoms and to provide scholarships in special education. Foundation activities increase public awareness of the purpose and objectives of Civitan.

The Ab Irvine Memorial Scholarship, established in 1990, is given annually by the Foundation in memory of a man who personified Civitan. He also dedicated himself to giving many hours on behalf of the Special Olympics.

Because the main focus of Civitan service projects has been to help those with special needs, this scholarship is given to a student who is either a college junior or senior or graduate student majoring in some field of Special Education. This could be someone who plans to teach at either the elementary or secondary level or someone majoring in Communication Disorders/ Speech and Language Pathology.

The Foundation will be offering scholarships of \$1750 for first place, \$1000 for second place, and \$750 for the third place winner. The winners may use it toward wither tuition or books. We recognize that the needs for Special Education teachers is great and feel this will assist some deserving student in being able to make a difference. The legal address of the applicant must be within the Great Southwest Civitan District (Colorado, New Mexico or El Paso County, Texas) but they may attend a college or university anywhere in one of those three states.

Criteria for selection of the scholarship recipient are based on: 1) **Major** (must be in one of the above mentioned fields); 2) **GPA** in major (must be 3.0 or above); 3) **Career plans**; 4) **Extra Curricular activities**; 5) **Personal data** (e.g. working while going to school); 6) **Financial Need**

If you feel you would qualify to receive this scholarship, contact an advisor in the College of Education at your school, or Charles Pacheco, Foundation Scholarship Committee at (505) 690-3600 for an application or for additional information.

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Applications are also available at UNM-LA Financial Aid Office. 662-0341