

# AB IRVINE SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

AWARD DATE:

August, 2017

WHERE

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Program, c/o The Great Southwest Civitan Foundation, 1458  
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\$1,750 | \$1,000 | \$750

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Students currently enrolled as a Junior, Senior, or Graduate student at a college or university anywhere in NM, CO or TX.
- 2) Are legal residents of NM, CO, or El Paso County, TX.
- 3) Have career plans to work with children with special needs.
- 4) Have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the application form (found on our website, the back of this form, or from your financial aid office).

Additionally, submit a narrative describing your study field (2 pages max); 2 letters of recommendation from professors, advisors, or employers; and an unofficial academic transcript.

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## 2017 OVERVIEW OF THE AB IRVINE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Civitan International**, based in Birmingham, Alabama, is an association of community service clubs founded in 1917. The organization aims "to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities." The organization includes 40,000 members in almost 1,000 clubs around the world. The **Southwest District** encompasses the states of New Mexico and Colorado and includes El Paso County, Texas. Today, the District has over 20 active clubs with 550 members. The **Great Southwest Civitan Foundation, Inc.** was incorporated in 1981 and includes every member of the District. One of the Foundation's key projects is the Ab Irvine Scholarship Program. The Santa Fe Civitan Club administers this program.

**Ab Irvine** was an active Albuquerque Club Member who personified Civitan. He also dedicated himself to giving many hours on behalf of Special Olympics. In his legacy, he wished to acknowledge college students who one day, plan to work with children who have special needs. The **major fields of study** for these students could include (but are not limited to) Special Education, Learning Disabilities, Deaf/Blind Education, Allied Health Professions (i.e., Physical Therapy, Speech/Language Pathology, Audiology, Occupational Therapy) and Mental Health Professions (i.e., Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Art/Music Therapy).

Thanks to Ab Irvine and annual donations from District Clubs, the Foundation awards **three scholarships** (\$1,750 - 1st place, \$1,000 - 2nd place, \$750 - 3rd place) to deserving students who are either a college Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student in one of the fields mentioned above. The winners may use the money towards either tuition or books. The student's **grade point average** must be 3.0 or higher. The student's **legal residence** must be within the Great Southwest District (i.e., Colorado, New Mexico, or El Paso County, Texas), but he/she may attend a college or university anywhere in one of these 3 states.

This year's application **deadline** is June 10, 2017 with awards to be given in August. We ask that you reproduce and post the enclosed flyer so that students who qualify can apply. Should you have any questions, please contact this year's Ab Irvine Scholarship Chair, Christine Winfield, at [cgmf1969@gmail.com](mailto:cgmf1969@gmail.com) | 505.490.2692.

Our thanks in advance, and we look forward to reviewing application packets from many deserving students. Please be on the look-out for this correspondence on an annual basis, and let us know of any changes in contact personnel.

The Ab Irvine Scholarship Review Committee



## AB IRVINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

<b>Applicant Name</b>	
<b>Legal Address</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Anticipated Graduation Date</b>	
<b>GPA</b>	
<b>Extracurricular Activities</b>	
<b>Additional Pertinent Data</b>	

I certify that I meet the following qualifications:

- I'm attending a college or university in New Mexico, Colorado, or Texas; and am a Junior, Senior, or Graduate student.
- My legal residence is New Mexico, Colorado, or El Paso County, Texas.
- I plan to work with children who have special needs.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- That the information I have provided is accurate.

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**Signature**

In addition to this application, please submit a **narrative** (not to exceed 2 typewritten pages) which explains why you feel you should be chosen for this scholarship. Also include 2 **letters of recommendation** from people who know your academic background and career goals (i.e., advisors, professors, employers). Finally, include an unofficial academic **transcript**.

**The application packet must be postmarked/emailed no later than June 10, 2017.**

**Send to: Christine Winfield, [cgmf1969@gmail.com](mailto:cgmf1969@gmail.com), or The Ab Irvine Scholarship Program, c/o The Great Southwest Civitan Foundation, 1458 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505-4028.**