



# Do you have a brother or sister with Developmental Disabilities?



If so, you may be eligible for the fifteenth annual “Helen & Jack Gorelick Sibling Scholarship.”

Two awards will be given in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. If you are interested, please fill out both sides of this form and send it back by Thursday, March 15, 2012 to:

Judy DeLasi, Associate Executive Director, at the Main Office

(83 Maiden Lane, 11th floor, New York, NY 10038).

Final applicants will be interviewed in April.

You must be interviewed to qualify.

The award will be given at the Annual Meeting in June, 2012.

*Previous winners are eligible. AHRC Board of Directors, Sibling Committee Members,*

*Executive Staff and their relatives are not eligible*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Facility (if you work at AHRC) \_\_\_\_\_

College in which you are enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Degree you are working toward \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not currently enrolled, where do you plan to enroll? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree do you plan to work towards? \_\_\_\_\_

*Save the date — Sibling Event,  
“The Future Is Ours” on March 12.*

*<http://www.ahrcnyc.org/events/events.htm>*

## Helen and Jack Gorelick Scholarship Application Form

Name:

Address:

Phone (h): (w):

Email:

Position (if employed):

Years involved in the field of developmental disabilities/social work/psychology/social services, etc:

Supervisor or Sponsor in the DD field:

**Please enclose a Letter of Recommendation (either personal or professional)**

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If you intend to use this scholarship for college costs...

Are you currently enrolled in college?      Yes      No

\*What college?

\*What major?

\*Career plans?

If not currently enrolled, when will enrollment occur?

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The Approval Committee has the discretion to award one scholarship annually for a purpose other than pursuing a degree that will advance the interests of siblings and their families (ie attend a conference). If you intend to use the scholarship for this purpose, please describe the topic and name the sponsoring agency/institution in your Personal Statement.

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Personal Statement: Please respond to the following in an essay.

- ◆ Give three examples of how having a sibling who is disabled has impacted your life and what you have learned.
- ◆ What do you plan to do with your degree?
- ◆ What changes do you plan to make in your chosen field?

(Please attach a separate sheet and make your statement no more than 300 words)

## **The Jack and Helen Gorelick Sibling Scholarship**

Dr. Jack Gorelick has been involved in the field of serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities for more than 50 years. Helen Gorelick is a lifelong professional in the field of early childhood education. Both Jack and Helen Gorelick have been strong supporters of adult siblings who have a brother or sister who is intellectually and/or developmentally disabled, and as such, have committed to granting two scholarships annually in the amount of \$1,000 to the (eligible) and successful candidates. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide a source of economic support to sibling who are pursuing higher education or are interested in attending a program on the subject of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Notice of the scholarships will be emailed to all AHRC active members and staff and will be posted on the AHRC website in the Sibling Section Link, as well as on Sibnet, no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the eligible year.

### **Eligibility Requirements are:**

- Be a sibling of a person with developmental disabilities
- Be a high school senior graduating with acceptance to enter college in the current year OR
- Be a current undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university OR
- Be eligible to attend a conference, workshop or seminar where the primary focus is on the topic of intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Be available for an in-person interview in AHRC's main office in New York City in the month prior to the scholarship award.
- Be a member of AHRC NYC

### **Preference will given to individuals who:**

- Are currently employed by AHRC in a Direct Care/Teaching or similar capacity.
- Have a minimum of 1 year experience in service (employment or volunteer) to people with developmental disabilities
- Are pursuing special education, psychology, social work or directly related discipline.

AHRC Directors, Sibling Committee, AHRC Executive Staff and their relatives are not eligible.

The Approval Committee will review the applications and prioritize the applicants. The Approval Committee will interview the top 6-8 candidates. The Approval Committee will consist of Helen and Jack Gorelick or designees, the Chairperson of the Sibling Committee or Designee and the Executive Director of AHRC or designee.

Applications must be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Selected candidates will be scheduled for an interview in April.

Notices of award and letters of rejection will be sent to applicants no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarships will be awarded at the AHRC Annual Meeting in June.