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FRIDAY FACTS

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Update for ABLE Student Eligibility

There have been questions concerning who has the authority to withdraw a student from school in the cases of community and charter schools. The Ohio Department of Education has clarified that community and charter schools act as independent local education agencies (LEA) and as such have the authority and responsibility to officially withdraw 16 and 17-year-olds. Therefore, the community and charter schools' officials must withdraw the students before they may be enrolled in ABLE programs. The full Ohio Board of Regents ABLE Eligibility Policy can be accessed at:

<http://www.uso.edu/network/workforce/able/reference.php>

Ohio Writers' Conference

Every year since 1998, the Ohio Literacy Resource Center celebrates the outstanding writing accomplishments of adults who are participants in Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) programs throughout the state of Ohio.

Ohio Literacy Resource Center

Enhancing Adult Literacy

This year's Ohio Writers' Conference will be held at the Columbus Marriott Northwest on May 14, 2010, and will feature performer and poet Ray McNiece. McNiece has earned a national reputation as a poet and performer for almost two decades through his solo theater pieces, his poetry and music shows, his captaining of two National Poetry Slam Championship teams, his "edutaining" children's shows and workshops and his yearly country-wide tours of performance poems, stories and songs.

The OLRC invites ABLE students to submit original writing for review. All writing genres are acceptable. The submissions, however, must be original. (*Original* means that the work or any portion of the work must not be copied from any source.) Accepted submissions are published in a softbound book, *Beginnings*. Students whose work is

accepted are invited to attend the all day Ohio Writers' Conference, along with their teacher and one guest.

Submit your entry at: <http://literacy.kent.edu/beginnings/WritersConference.html>

Deadline for submission is February 5, 2010.

Only students who are currently enrolled in an Ohio Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program are eligible.

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<http://www.bookshare.org/>.

OAAACE Awards and Scholarships



Now is the time to nominate a deserving staff member or student for one of the great scholarships options from OAAACE. The opportunities include the Sharon Davis-Stubbe Award and four OAAACE scholarships which will be awarded once again this spring by OAAACE.

The Sharon Davis-Stubbe Award is given to a Teacher, Administrator, Support Staff and Contributor who have made outstanding contributions to Adult and Continuing Education. The award is named in honor of Sharon Davis-Stubbe, who was a dedicated ABLE teacher and administrator in Ohio. Nominees for Teacher and Administrator Awards must be current paid members of OAAACE. The deadline is March 15, 2010. The nomination form can be found at the OAAACE website, at www.oaace.org.

Four scholarships will also be awarded at the OAAACE conference. The scholarships are not cash awards, but may be used for tuition, books and related supplies at any adult

vocational two or four year state certified college or university. The following scholarships will be awarded:

1. *GED Scholarship* - \$1500 awarded to one of the top 100 GED's in Ohio

Criteria – Ranked in the top 100 GED scores Ohio for 2009; resident of Ohio; and will enroll in postsecondary education or training within six months of receiving scholarship. Letters with the scholarship application will soon be sent to the top 100 scorers for 2009.

2. *Lifelong Learning Scholarship* - \$1500 awarded to an adult returning to higher education

Criteria – Resident of Ohio; have a GED or high school diploma; currently enrolled or attended an adult education program within the last twelve months; will enroll in postsecondary education or training within six months of receiving scholarship. OAAACE members are not eligible.

3. *OAAACE Member Scholarship* - \$2000 awarded to an OAAACE member

Criteria – Resident of Ohio; member of OAAACE for at least one year; will enroll in postsecondary education or training within six months of receiving scholarships.

4. *Max Way Scholarship* - \$1000 awarded to an adult returning for higher education

Criteria – Resident of Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton or Washington county ; attended an ABL program in one of the above counties within the last twelve months; have a GED or high school diploma; will enroll in postsecondary education or training within six months of receiving scholarship. OAAACE members are not eligible.

The deadline for all scholarships is March 15, 2010. Scholarship forms are available at the OAAACE website at www.oaace.org.

OAAACE Awareness Grants

Do you want to promote your program, target a specific audience or group of students? Do you need to make members of your community aware of your program and adult education? Apply for one of the two OAAACE Awareness Grants to be awarded this spring. Applications are on the OAAACE website at www.oaace.org. Proposals are due on March 31, 2010.

Applicants can request a maximum of \$250 to promote awareness for Adult Education. In the proposals, applicants must describe the purpose, activities planned, and how the

funds will be utilized to increase the awareness of Adult Education. A draft of any proposed printed materials or other media must be submitted for approval. Acknowledgment must be given to OACE as a source of funding for the activity.

Two grants will be awarded this spring. The next grants will be offered in the fall and will be due on October 31.

Quote of the Week

The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.
~Patrick Young

