**Hamilton Relay Scholarship Guidelines**

Hamilton Relay Scholarship**: $500**

***Preface***

The goal of the Hamilton Relay Scholarship is to support students who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking in their post-secondary education. The Hamilton Relay Scholarship is extended to qualifying high school students living within each of the states where Hamilton Relay is the contracted Telecommunications Relay and/or Captioned Telephone service provider. Hamilton Relay selects one recipient from each state annually. Scholarship recipients will be determined on or before February 28, 2020.

***Eligibility Criteria***

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or has difficulty speaking.
2. Applicant must be a resident of one of the following states: CA, DC, GA, ID, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MT, NM, NV, PA, TN, VA, or WA.
3. Applicant must complete and submit application, essay, letter of recommendation and signed talent release form to be eligible.
4. Scholarship will be awarded to the selected applicant in each state after the Hamilton Relay Scholarship Committee reviews all applications submitted on or before the posted deadline.

***Guidelines for Hamilton Relay Scholarship***

1. Application packet must be completed and postmarked by January 31, 2020 and must include all of the following items:
	1. Scholarship Application
	2. Letter of Recommendation from faculty staff member at high school or from employer
	3. One page essay as required (topic assigned on application)
	4. Signed Talent Release Form
2. Mail the application and attachments to:

**Hamilton Relay Scholarship Committee**

**1006 12th Street**

**Aurora, NE 68818**

1. Scholarship award recipients must complete and return a “Scholarship Recipient Agreement Form” and provide a copy of their Letter of Acceptance from the post-secondary school they will attend, allowing Hamilton to process payment directly to the school.