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## SCHOLARSHIP

Through the Looking Glass and its National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families are pleased to announce new scholarships specifically for high school seniors and college students who have parents with disabilities. These scholarships are part of Through the Looking Glass' new federal grant (New National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families). Please note that these are new awards and have different application procedures than in the past. There are two separate scholarship awards, and each has separate eligibility requirements:

1. High School Seniors. A student must be a high school graduate (or graduating senior) by Summer 2009, planning to attend college in Fall 2009 and have at least one parent with a disability. Five separate \$1000 awards will be given out in Fall 2009. Individuals may submit only one application per award period.

2. College Students. A student must be currently enrolled in a college or university, be 21 years of age or younger as of March 16, 2009, and have at least one parent with a disability. Five separate \$1000 awards will be given out in Fall 2009. Individuals may submit only one application per award period.

Selection criteria for all scholarships include academic performance, community activities and service, letters of recommendation and an essay describing the experience of growing up with a parent with a disability. All application materials must be completed and postmarked by Monday March 16, 2009.

For more information, contact Gena Massey, ext. 278.

## MECC GRADUATE ART

The current show in Abingdon Arts Depot's Members Showcase Gallery features Sarah Smith displaying "My Favorite Photos." The exhibit runs through February 21.

Sarah first became interested in photography just taking pictures of her friends. While at MECC, she took some photography classes and was hooked, leading to her attending Virginia Intermont College. She works in both traditional color and black and white, as well as the digital medium. Sarah says "I tend to go for the pretty things. I like the cute romantic shots and the pretty flower shots. I'm an optimist and shoot that way! I like things that make people smile and make them happy when they look at my work". Sarah likes to show people the way she sees the world around her. Sarah says that this gives her a way to express herself without having to explain.

Sarah graduated from MECC in spring 2006 with a General Studies Degree. She has been selected in the past for inclusion in a juried photography show at Virginia Intermont, at the Appalachian Photography Salon in Kingsport where one of her photos received an honorable mention, and the 2008 Virginia Highlands Festival Juried Photography Show where one of her photos received the First Place, Color award in the Amateur Division.

The Arts Depot is located in the Depot Square area of downtown Abingdon. The gallery and artists studios are open Thursday thru Saturday, 11-3 pm, or by appointment. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (276) 628-9091, or e-mail at [abingdonartsdepot@abingdon.com](mailto:abingdonartsdepot@abingdon.com), or visit their web site at [www.abingdonartsdepot.org](http://www.abingdonartsdepot.org)

