



Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

Come to Our Summer Program—We have a Bargain for You

The Annual Meeting—A fun Fundraising for the Foundation

Well, once again everyone came through to make our Annual Meeting a rousing success! Thanks to everyone's hard work I was able to deposit over \$2,500 in our account. If you missed this year's Annual Meeting, you missed a great speech from one of our most dedicated members, Mrs. Carolyn Vickers, a delicious spaghetti dinner and a silent auction with something for everyone to bid on and everyone seemed to have a grand time. I hope you will reserve our "special" day in April 2010 on your calendar and make plans to come to our next Annual Meeting.

Start now asking you friends, and any businesses you frequent for items we can put in our silent auction. This year one of our members asked her boss and he was so pleased to donate because he is dyslexic. So you never know who will donate and for what reason.

We hope to see you at the next Annual Meeting in 2010. Remember each of YOU ARE THE FOUNDATION! Without you and your support we cannot survive!

Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

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A Letter from the Prez

How wonderful it is to be the president of such a fantastic organization. To see how the Dyslexia Foundation touches lives and to see how the fabulous people who make up the Foundation respond to the miracles that each of you make happen each and every day. To see how little things affect the big picture of life, I get to hear the stories of how a failing child who is about to go over the "edge" with their parents in tow; miraculously they find our small Foundation and come, then, POW! Everyone in the family is changed...even the family members who don't have a learning disability are changed...and they are changed in the most unusual ways.

One would expect to hear things like

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Where Are They Now?

We would like this to become a regular article in our newsletter complete with pictures. However, we need your help! We need the parents of former students or the students themselves to send us information about the student and perhaps a recent picture. We feel that this could be encouraging to New Parents to see that "our" kids grow up and can perform independently in society despite their rocky beginnings. You may not personally know all the students listed but will know the struggles they have gone through to attain their present success. So let us hear from you about your wonderful kids so we can share the "sunshine".

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Summer 2009

New Parents Meeting	June 9
Supervisors Day	June 10
Application Deadline	June 10
Tutor Workshop	June 11 & 12
Student's First Day	June 15
July 4th (Holiday)	July 4
Student's Last Day	July 10

Fall 2009

Supervisors Saturday	Sept 5
New Parents Meeting	Sept 10
Application Deadline	Sept 10
Tutor Workshop	Sept 12
Student's First Day	Sept 19
Thanksgiving (Holiday)	Nov 28
Student's Last Day	Dec 12

Spring 2010

Supervisors Saturday	Jan 9
Application Deadline	Jan 14
New Parents Meeting	Jan 14
Tutor Workshop	Jan 16
Student's First Day	Jan 23
Spring Break (Holiday)	TBD
Easter (Holiday)	April 3
Annual Meeting	TBD
Student's Last Day	April 24

We Don't Want To Loose You!



The post office will not send out your change of address after just a few months. So keep us in the information loop by returning this form; or you may e mail us at caincarson@hotmail.com In the meantime, you may miss receiving two or three news letters.

Name

Address

City State Zip

Tear off this part of the page and mail to the Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis.

P.O. Box 240792
Memphis, TN 38124

Wish List

Here is a list of items that were requested by the Program Directors. Some are just wishes others are needed. If you have any of the following items or know of a company that will donate them please do so. Thanks "The Staff"

Help, we especially need your help in **replenishing the store room supplies**. If you would like to give a donation of snack food, or **toys for the "store"**, we would sure love to receive them. We need snack foods like:

- | | | |
|----------|---------------|---------|
| Pretzels | peanut butter | popcorn |
| Crackers | apples | etc. |

We REALLY need TOYS, GAMES OR PUZZLES which are used for rewards in our store where the students may redeem their tokens for toys.

We need your help. db qp

Donations

Listed below are the donations that many of you so generously gave during the spring semester to both the store and to our Silent Auction. Thanks to all of you for your help. All of the items are appreciated greatly.

Store

- Vickers, Carolyn
- O'Neal, Lisa
- Deeley, Chereese
- Booker, Sandra
- Newby, Venus
- Steele, Mrs.
- Stone, Mrs.

Staff Gifts

- Conroy, Jack
- Conroy, Diana

Cash

- Smith, Gretta
- Magrotti, Mr.

Scholarship Fund

- Vickers, Carolyn

So many of you donated items to the Annual Meeting there is not enough room to list you all without adding many pages to the newsletter. Please know that each and every one of the donations and all your hard work is appreciated and contributed to making this year's Annual Meeting such a great success.

These generous companies donated items to our Annual Meeting's Silent Auction. Please be sure to stop by and tell them how much you appreciate their support for our Foundation.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mud Island | Putt Putt Golf |
| Malco Theaters | The Red Birds |
| Laser Quest | Incredible Pizza |
| The Memphis Fire Museum | Playhouse on the Square |
| The Orpheum | Botanic Garden |
| Brooks Art Museum | The Dixon Art Gallery |

Please Note: We try very hard to make sure we have not left anyone off a list and everyone's name is spelled correctly. In spite of that, crazy keys are still pressed and mistakes are made. Please let us know of any errors and we will try and make the corrections. We never want to leave anyone out! db qp



WEDDING PLANS ANNOUNCED

LINDA LEWIS AND ALLEN FITZHUGH HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR UPCOMING WEDDING ON JULY 11, 2009 AT THEIR CHURCH IN SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI. ALL OUR LOVE AND BEST WISHES TO THE SOON TO BE MR. AND MRS. ALLEN FITZHUGH. ...WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE NUPTIALS FOR FORMER STUDENT EMILY DOUGLAS AND WM. LOGAN BURNS WHO AS OF JUNE 6, 2009 ARE NOW MR. AND MRS. WM. LOGAN BURNS... GOD BLESS YOU BOTH

2009 Paid Members

Congratulations... You remembered... These *wonderful* people remembered to send us their and they are current paid members! Is your name here or did you forget? No problem you can send a check for \$20.00 or *more* to either:

Karen Carson	The Dyslexia Foundation
7532 Hatch Circle	P.O. Box 240792
Arlington, TN 38002	Memphis, TN 38124

.... and pay your dues today. Dues makes it possible for us to send you Our Dyslexia Newsletter and other mailings during the year

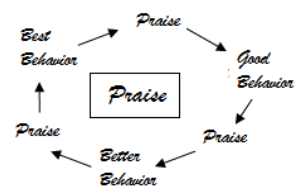
Akpotu, Maria	Jones, Brenda	Mosley, Clarence & Kristi
Bertling, Chuck & Bunny	Lancaster, Clancy	Newby, Venus
Booker, Sandra	Landrum, Ross & Paula	O'Neal, Lisa
Burton, Chuck & Stephanie	Landrum, Jeremy & April	Pennington, Jo & Lisa
Carson, Cain & Karen	Lehigh, Patti	Pike, Cindy
Conroy, Diana and Chris	Lewis, Linda A.	Smith, Mike & Greta
Cox, Susan	Magnotti, Jodi	Thrasher, Jill
Derryberry, Betty	May, Charles & Brenda	Vickers, Carolyn
Disalvo, Angie	May, John & Amy	Vining, James & Ann
Dominguez, Leda	McCauley, Terri	Wakefield, Elizabeth
Douglas, Peg	McDonald, Tim & Marilyn	Wilson, Heather
Futrell, Joyce	McFarland, Leanne	Wolfe, Sheri
Gonzalez, Yeinier	Montgomery, Jim & Ellen	
Heinrich, Carl & Virginia	Morrison, Sonya	

Let's work together to make our list of paid members grow and GROW! (If you have sent in your check and your name is not here, please let us know — Errors do happen

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our son came here for one semester and now is making A's and B's, or our daughter lacked so much self-confidence she would not raise her hand in class and now she is the lead in the school play. But instead, what I do often hear (well I do hear about making better grades and about students coming out of their shells and doing remarkable things) is a mother say "After tutoring at the Dyslexia Foundation, she has learned to be a positive person." Well, you may say that's not all that amazing because we are taught to praise our students at every possible opportunity, but this mother was talking about being positive about everything. It started with her own children; she would praise not only their accomplishment but also their effort. She went out of her way to find something worthy of genuine praise and surprisingly her children responded so well she began praising even more things because her children began doing more praise worthy things and so it went.

Then out of the clear blue, she found she was praising everyone...her husband, her neighbors, her in-laws (a miracle for sure), even the lady checking her out at the store. The next shocking thing was this was honest praise, she could really see things that these people (even the in-laws) were doing that were praise worthy. Zowie! The result of all this praise was miraculous. Everyone started behaving better and doing things that were even more praise worthy. The in-laws treated her better and even sales clerks were nicer so the moral is



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Graduates from Books

The following student completed a book during the Spring Semester:

Book A

Vito Magnotti Michael Anne O'Neal
Victoria Wakefield

Book B

Mary Roberts

When a student finishes a book, they receive their choice of a trophy or a medallion at an award ceremony on the last day of school. These awards can be engraved for just a few dollars. We have an agreement with First Place Trophies to engrave these awards for a discounted price. Therefore should you wish to have the award your child chose engraved, take it to 1st Place Awards, 377-9214 and be sure to tell them to give you the Dyslexia Foundation discount.

The Foundation's New Officers

Here is a list of your Board of Directors. Please give them your support and tell them how much you appreciate their dedication to the Foundation

2009 - 2010 OFFICERS

President - Karen Carson
Vice President - Jo Pennington
Recording Secretary - Sandra Curan
Corresponding Secretary - Marilyn McDonald
Treasurer - Linda Lewis

Board of Directors

Maria Akpotu	Debra Lutz
Stephanie Burton	Lisa O'Neal
Peg Douglas	Carolyn Vickers
Patti Lehigh	Greta Smith

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

~Harold Hulbert

"Real" School Graduates



We want to congratulate and honor our former students that have graduated from High School and have given all of us hope that our children can accomplish the same.

Kathleen Lehigh

Graduated from Concord Academy

May 16, 2009

She will attend The University of the Ozarks

Drake Smith

Graduated from St. Benedict at Auburndale

May 9, 2009

Alexandria Mouring

Graduated from Clinton High School

May 17, 2009

Perfect Attendance

A big salute goes out to the students who did not miss any Saturdays during the entire Spring 2009 semester! Thanks for your dedication to the Foundation.

Amanda Ellison	Carlos Madina
Mikaela McFarland	Drew Steele
Victoria Wakefield	Christopher Whitehead
Razak Williams	

Do You Have An E-Mail Address?

Would you like to save the Foundation some money and get your newsletter sooner? We have realized after much prodding that it is very cost effective to have the News Letter sent to those members who are into e-mailing by using e-mail instead of snail mail. So E-mail us your address and we will e-mail you the next news letter. You can even e-mail us your application if you want to...My aren't we becoming techies.

Thanks

Please send an e mail request to:

cain.carson@memphisdyslexia.org

An acknowledgment will be sent confirming your request as quickly as possible.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
TEACHER: No, that's wrong
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Amanda Ellison

Dozier-4th

Why I Love to read

I Love to read
and I will teach
kids how to do
that thing and
if they can, I will
say good job and
say keep on
the good work.
You will see how
you can read and
let's see how
about that book
let's see can
you read that
book and
what is that
word I say
that is good
Keep on trying.

THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

By Carolyn Vickers

In this famous race, you know who the victor was. You know all about the haughtiness of the rabbit and the persistence of the tortoise. But, there is another very important lesson for us to learn here. And that is... when you are behind (in whatever it be) you must run (even at your own speed) while the other person is standing still. This is the lesson our children must learn by heart at Saturday School.

One of my six year old granddaughters once ask me, "Nanny, why do we have to come to school in the summer?"

I told her, "Honey, at our house we just go to school."

That satisfied her for a while. Later she came back with, "I don't want to go to school on Saturday. None of my friends go on Saturday."

My reply was, "All of your friends are standing still, we are still learning."

That satisfied her for a while, but I knew it was time for her to hear about Aesop's famous fable. So, we pulled it out and read it together.

She said, "That sure was a silly old rabbit. He could have won that race."

"Why didn't he?" I asked.

"Well, he kept stopping and resting."

"What was the tortoise doing when the rabbit was resting?" I asked.

"He just kept going and going and going." She said.

"And that is why we keep going and going and going to Saturday School and Summer School."

"We want to win?" She asked.

"We want to win!" I said. db
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MAKE ME SMARTER

By Carolyn Vickers

In the fifth grade guidance classes last week, I started the classes by asking, "If I had a magic wand and I could wave it and grant you any wish for your education, what would it be?"

Most often their reply is, "Just make us smarter."

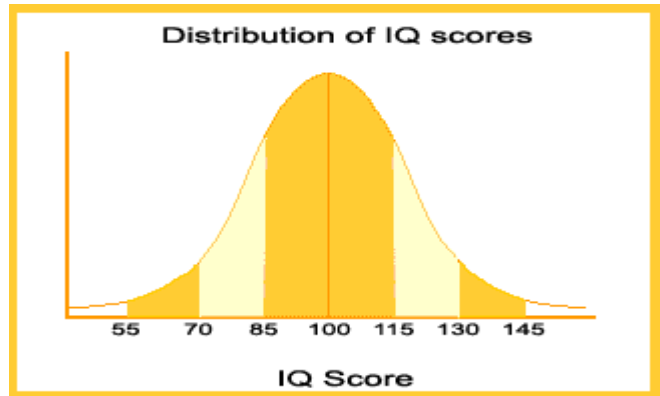
I told them that I had asked that question every year and had gotten the same response.

"The truth is every one of you is smart enough, and I will prove it with mathematics."

I then draw the bell curve showing 100 to be the average IQ in the world. Next, I mark off from 85 to 115.

Now I explain, "Over 68% of the world have an average IQ. There just are not very many smart people. There just are not very many people below average."

I, then, ask them to subtract 68% from 100% with me on the board. Of course they get 32%. That is all of the very smart people and the below average people. We do some more math on the board by dividing 32% by 2. We find that equals 16%. I explain that if we were talking about a dollar bill, that would be 16 cents. Not very much.



The last math is to add 68% to 16% for the average and above. This gets 84%. 84% of the world is average or above.

"How do you feel about yourself?"

The usually say, "Pretty good."

Then I hit them with reality. I tell them I have tutored kids with 84 IQ and they have made A's and B's. I have worked with students with 140 IQ who made F's.

"What is wrong with that picture? There must be something else that is more important than how smart you are and that something is I WILL!"

Saturday School students have both the IQ and the I WILL. What a dynamite combination!!!

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The wonderful stories I hear touch my heart and should touch yours too. Do you have a story to share? Please send one in that we can share in our next newsletter. Till then lets all get ready to make Summer School 2009 the best ever... How? by sending your child to become a great student.

A personal note, we have had many children of former students in the program but this is a first for me. One of our grandchildren will be a student this summer, Although he did very well in kindergarten, we see signs that could be our friend dyslexia and we felt like a semester or 2 or 3 in the Foundation couldn't hurt! So grab your gear and your kids and come to Summer School cause this is going to be something to experience!

Hope to see ya there!

The Prez db
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This is a letter sent from Crystel McCauley, a former student at the Foundation. We thought we would include it so each of our students and their parents might get a little inspiration and know our kids can and do grow up to make something of themselves. If you would like to write to her, her address is at the bottom of the letter.

19 April 2009

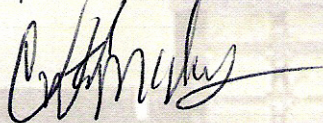
Dear kids of the Memphis Dislexia Foundation,

A lot of you do not know me, but I'm Pvt. McCauley, Crystel and I'm in training to become an MP (military police officer) for the United States Army. I wanted to write and let you know that you can do whatever you want to do, you see I also have dislexia. I also went to the fountain when I was younger.

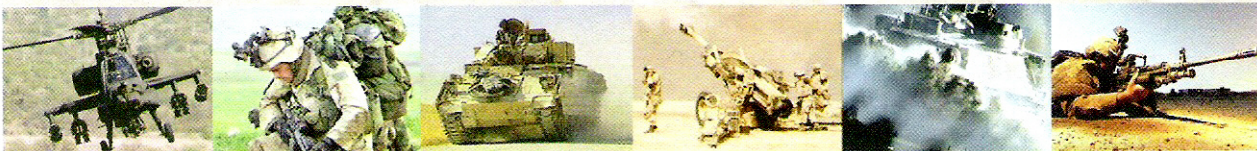
Having dislexia while in the military is not easy, I have to be able to translate "military talk" into "civilian talk" and then to "dislexia talk" in about .0004 sec., and at times it does become very frustrating. But I just take a deep breath and retry what ever I was doing.

~~to~~ well I have to go train some more now, feel free to write me. (I love getting mail!). Keep you dreams up.

God Bless the U.S,

- Pvt. McCauley


Pvt. McCauley, Crystel M
D Co. 787th M.P. BN
2nd PLT Unit 47
2230 Iowa Ave, Bldg #934
Fort Leonard Wood MO 65473-8965



The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

Dear Parents and Tutors:

We are again planning a 4 week summer program. It will be conducted week days from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program will run Monday June 15, 2009 to Friday, July 10, 2009 at St. Benedict at Auburndale High School (SBA), 8250 Varnavas Dr., Cordova, TN 38016.

Workshops, which are mandatory for all personnel, will be held on June 11 & 12, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Benedict at Auburndale School BRING A LUNCH!!!!

The Dyslexia Foundation's own language curriculum is used for instruction. Students MUST take part in the full curriculum for the entire 4 week period.

The following policies must be understood by all who apply to the program - - as tutors or students:

1. Only those who have been tested and recommended will be accepted as students. Please contact a Director if you have questions about being accepted. **Exceptions can be made.**
2. Unexcused absences by anyone (students and/or personnel) can result in dismissal from the program and all future Foundation programs. Illness is the only acceptable reason for absence. Any other excuse must be cleared before the absence by the board.
3. All tutors must exceed sixteen years of age.
4. All participants must be current members of The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis. Dues are \$20.00.
5. A certain dress code will be observed by everyone.
6. **ALL WORKSHOPS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PERSONNEL.**
7. All personnel must fulfill all obligations as set forth in the application contract.

Please apply for the subject you prefer to tutor, math or social values. New parent-tutors apply only for reading. The following areas require tutors:

1. Reading
2. Math

Workshops and daily staff meetings will provide instruction in the use of the materials. Supervision will be given over all areas of instruction.

The tuition will be \$550.00 per student plus a \$25.00 Registration fee per student. The entire amount is due with the application before June 10, 2009. It cannot be refunded. Remember parents who are going to tutor must apply. The above figures require an enrollment of 60 students in order for the Foundation to offer the Summer Program at this tuition cost.

All applications must be returned before June 10, 2009. If you are unable to meet this deadline please call and notify the Director of your intentions. Neither students nor tutor applications will be accepted after that date unless verbal approval has been made. An exception will be made for new families who were tested during the Spring 2009 semester.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the director before the application deadline.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
Karen Carson
7532 Hatch Circle
Arlington, TN 38002

Sincerely,
Karen Carson
337-8731

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In partial consideration of the willingness of St. Benedict at Auburndale and the Catholic Diocese of Memphis to allow its facility to be used by The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis, of which my child is a participant, the undersigned parents or guardians of the child(ren) listed below, acknowledge that St. Benedict at Auburndale and the Catholic Diocese of Memphis shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury or injuries to me, my child(ren), or property, from any cause or caused whatsoever while in or upon the campus of St. Benedict at Auburndale during any and all functions of The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis held on said premises.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless St. Benedict at Auburndale and the Catholic Diocese of Memphis from all liabilities, charges, expenses (including counsel fees) and cost on account of or by reason of any such injuries, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of same.

Children: _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Parent or Guardian _____

RELEASE

I, individually, (and/or as parent, and/or guardian of the named minor) for and in consideration of the acceptance of my application to enter and my receiving permission from The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis, hereinafter called "Foundation", to participate in the succeeding Dyslexia Summer and/or Saturday School, do hereby release, remise, waive, surrender and forever discharge The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis together with all of their officers, agents, officials, directors, supervisors, tutors and employees, collectively hereinafter called "Foundation", from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any injury, illness, loss or damage, including death, relating to participation in the succeeding Dyslexia Summer and/or Saturday School.

I further agree that in the event of any injury or emergency requiring medical attention that if I am assisted by the Foundation in receiving treatment and willingly accept such treatment that I will in no way hold the Foundation responsible for the consequences of my treatment of any problem resulting there from, whether administered by the Foundation or a third party called by the Foundation. Should I become unconscious or unable to give my consent for medical treatment and it becomes necessary for the Foundation to render assistance or have a third party administer medical treatment, I agree not to hold the Foundation responsible for the consequences of my injuries or any claims, losses or damages arising there from. I further agree that I will be responsible for any medical bills incurred in my treatment, and will not hold the Foundation responsible therefore.

Student(s) and/or Tutor(s) name(s): _____

Signature of parent(s) if under 18: _____ Date: _____

Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

Summer Student Application

I wish to enroll:

Name _____ Birth Date ___ / ___ / ___ Sex _____ Grade _____

School _____ Dominant Hand _____ Glasses Yes / No

Name _____ Birth Date ___ / ___ / ___ Sex _____ Grade _____

School _____ Dominant Hand _____ Glasses Yes / No

Parents Name _____ Telephone (____)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP + 4)

E Mail Address _____

My child has permission to be given (if needed): Tylenol Yes/No

Please list any allergies or other medical information that might be needed:

Has your child been tested and recommended for admission into this program? _Yes / No

If so, Where? _____ Year? _____

To be a current member of the Dyslexia Foundation, a yearly dues fee of \$20.00 per family is necessary. If you have not already paid for the year, please enclose a separate check for dues (\$20.00). Make this check payable to: Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis.

Enclose the full tuition for each child, Registration fee \$25.00, Tuition \$550.00 for a total of \$575.00.

Fees are not refundable.

Make checks payable to: Dyslexia Foundation Programs. Mail to:

Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis
7532 Hatch Circle
Arlington, TN 38002

Signature of Parent and/or Guardian _____

___ Return Applications by Specified Deadline ___

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to students: The program admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students in the program. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, or other programs.

Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

Tutor Application

Name _____ Social Security # _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP + 4)

Telephone (____) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex _____

E Mail Address _____

Please describe any previous experience working with children: _____

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Please read carefully before signing:

I hereby make application for employment as a tutor in the Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis program. I understand that I am required to attend all training workshops without compensation. This application, if accepted, is binding only as long as I perform satisfactory service as a tutor. If I do not meet the requirements for attendance and services, a loss of pay will result. Hired tutors will be paid by the day at monthly intervals.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

I have tutored: Math _____ Language _____ Social Studies _____
Social Values _____ Auditory _____ Small Group Reading _____
None of the above _____

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The following is for hired tutors only: Please list two references.

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

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Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

To be read and signed by parent of tutors under 18 years of age:
I hereby agree to support my child in his/her commitment to the Dyslexia Foundation. I am aware that this is a one-to-one tutoring situation and that he/she is required to be present every day.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Return Applications by Specified Deadline

Order Form

To order by phone call 337-8731

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Qty	Description	Size	Price	Total
	Classic Dyslexia Foundation Cook Book		\$12.00	
	"See What It's Done For Me" T-Shirt		\$12.00	
	"Famous Dyslexics" T-Shirt		\$12.00	
	"Famous Dyslexics" Apron		\$12.00	
	"Famous Dyslexics" Tote Bag (18" X 16")		\$12.00	
	Please include \$3.00 per item for S & H			
		Total Due		

If you order 3 or more items, they are \$10.00 each

To view any of the items, please check our website, www.memphisdyslexia.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Dyslexia Foundation
of Memphis
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Memphis, TN 38124

Attention: Postmaster This document contains dated material.
