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CMMS Deshae Lott Ministries Grants - Scholarships

By [Timothy A Carey](#), DisabilityVoice™

Every year Deshae Lott from Deshae Lott Ministries gives away quality-of-life grants and scholarships for people with disabilities. Learn more about this and the winners for 2017 and see a recap of past award winners throughout the years by clicking [View Full Article](#) below. Learn more about this program by going to www.deshae.org/cmms.

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WisconSibs – Siblings Choice Awards

By [Timothy A Carey](#), DisabilityVoice™

The mission of WisconSibs is, “To Foster a community of support and understanding for brothers and sisters of individuals with special needs”. WisconSibs started the Siblings Choice Awards in 2009 to give siblings of people with disabilities the opportunity to thank a family member or professional caregiver of their sibling with disability. Nominations must be in by October 1 and awards will be given in the middle of October. Please check out the [WisconSibs website](#) for more information. Also, view the informative flyer, which includes nomination forms, by clicking below.

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Able Accounts must not replace benefits says CMS

By **Timothy A Carey**, DisabilityVoice™

Able Accounts are savings accounts for people with disabilities which do not affect their benefits. Passage of the Beck Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 or ABLE Act is responsible for these Able Accounts. With these accounts people with disabilities and their families can save up to \$14,000 a year to a maximum of \$100,000 and not lose benefits, but funds must be used dictated by various categories. To name just a couple categories, transportation and assistive technology. Account holders must be on SSI and / or SSDI and their condition must have manifested age 26 or earlier, but there are some exemptions. Each state can create a program for able accounts, but it is not required. For instance, Wisconsin signed legislature to allow their residents to have an able account in another state, but Wisconsin will not have their own program. As of the beginning of September 2017 there are 30 states with able account programs and 27 of them allow people from out of state to sign up with their able account programs. Each state has slightly different stipulations and is run slightly different. These accounts are actually investment accounts. For more information go to **www.ablenrc.org/about/what-are-able-accounts**. Here is a **[video explaining what these accounts are](#)**. To read the article about what the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) says about reinforcing the spirit of the ABLE Act legislation.

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Assistive Technology Windows 10 Upgrade

By **Timothy A Carey**, DisabilityVoice™

If you missed the free upgrade to Windows 10 and want to now upgrade to Windows 10, it will now cost you a little more than \$100. If you use assistive technology on your windows computer, don't worry because you can upgrade for free. Also, if you did upgrade to Windows 10, free or paid, and you need to reinstall on your computer it will cost you nothing because Windows remembers your computer's mother board. From more information on the free Windows 10 for people who use assistive technology click the link below. If you need any help with this, email Timothy A Carey at **tcarey@DisabilityVoice.us**.

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Wisconsin AAC Network Summer Newsletter 2017

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Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)

Mike Hipple, founder of the Wisconsin AAC Network, sent out the Network's Summer Newsletter for 2017. He also sent out in the view of the Wisconsin Autism Society Annual Conference 2017 authored by Anne K. Schauman, MSE, Director- Alternative Center for Education (ACE). You can find a more information about the Wisconsin AAC Network through Mike's e-mail address shown on his **[Bio on the Disability Voice Website](#)**.

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DV Inspirational Quotes - Month of September 2017

"Living Life - Life is not a race - but indeed a journey. Be Honest. Work Hard. Be Choosy. Say 'thank you', and 'great job' to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you've been given, it is not accidental ~ search for your purpose and do it as best you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you inspire to be. Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself ~ Plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you've been blessed to know. Live for today, enjoy the moment." – **Bonie L Mohr**

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