The Association for Talent Development, Chicagoland Chapter (ATDChi), invites you to apply for the Dr. Deborah Colky Student Award. This annual award recognizes the outstanding effort and achievement of a current undergraduate or graduate student committed to pursuing a degree and career centered in the Learning and Performance profession.

A one-time stipend of $1,000 will be given to the applicant chosen by the ATDChi Award Selection Committee. The winner will also receive a one year membership to ATDChi, the publication of a blog article in *Training Today*, as well as a commemorative award plaque and attendance as a guest at the ATDChi’s annual Holiday Dinner in December.

**Award Criteria and Qualifications:**

* We must receive this completed application via email to DebColkyAward@gmail.com by **Friday, November 11, 2016**. We will notify the selected applicant of our decision no later than **Friday, November 25, 2016**.
* You must be currently enrolled in a program pursuing a degree (undergraduate or graduate) relevant to the Learning & Performance profession.
* You must be a full-time resident within territorial jurisdiction of the ATDChi (Chicago to the Wisconsin border in the north, to Indiana in the south, and to Aurora/Elgin in the west).
* You are **not** required to hold ATDChi membership at the time of your application; however, part of the selection criteria will assess the applicant’s commitment and plans for involvement in professional organizations such as ATDChi.

**Dr. Deborah Lavin Colky**

Deb Colky had a long and very successful career in the workplace learning and performance profession as a consultant, business owner, and as director of Roosevelt University’s graduate program in Training and Development. Her strong passion for equipping students and her commitment to the profession as a long-time ATDChi Board Member remain an inspiration for those who share that passion for and commitment to the field. Deb passed away from a sudden illness in January 2007, and this award has been created in her memory to go to a promising student who shares the same enthusiasm and knowledge of the profession that Deb possessed.

**APPLICATION**

**Instructions: Please limit your answer to the size of the provided text box.**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City: Zip:**

**Email:**

**Phone: Day: Evening:**

**University/College:**

**Expected Graduation Date:**

Academic Background (colleges, degrees, GPA, courses taken in the Learning & Performance field):

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| **Degree in progress:** **Courses completed:** **GPA:****Undergraduate degree:** **GPA:** **Additional Information:** |

List your extracurricular activities (work-study programs, related special projects, university and civic groups and/or clubs, etc.) and identify your accomplishments and successes. Be specific.

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Summarize your educational and career goals as they relate to the Learning and Performance profession:

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Provide evidence from your accomplishments, successes, academic merit that embodies the competencies, skills, traits, and characteristics of Dr. Deborah Colky. Be specific.

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**Your Proposed Action Plan**

ATDChi expects the Dr. Deborah Colky Student Award recipient to fulfill certain duties during his/her year, including: personally cascading communications about the Dr. Deborah Colky and the Award via ATDChi meetings and university “Road Shows” (August / September / October 2017); and serving on the Review Committee (November 2017) to select the 2017 Award recipient.

In the space below, please describe how else, If you were to win the Dr. Deborah Colky Student Award, you plan to communicate and inspire others about our profession and this Award. Be specific.

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**Performance & Accountability**

Performance is at the heart of what the Dr. Deborah Colky Student Award stands for.

Given as such, please outline your recommendations for how ATDChi should hold the Award recipient accountable to fulfilling his/her plan. Are you willing to be held accountable to your plan? Be specific in your response below.

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