

Scholarship Opportunities for Students with Disabilities



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Paying for tuition and other school related costs can be a big challenge for university students. Especially for students with disabilities as they may have trouble finding ways to pay for these expenses. This guide contains twenty-five scholarship opportunities based on specific disabilities. Students with notable academic records are preferred for many of these scholarships. Obtaining a scholarship can also make your graduate school applications and résumé stand out amongst your peers.

This guide provides a list of well-known scholarships for students with disabilities pursuing a bachelors or graduate degree at a university. Information provided includes eligibility criteria for the scholarship, the requirements for the application, deadline for the application submission, website link to apply for the scholarship, and the web or mailing address for document submission. SSD encourages students to apply for these scholarships and make use of all resources available to them.

AAHD Frederick J. Krause Scholarship on Health and Disability

About the Scholarship: AAHD supports students with disabilities pursuing higher education through the AAHD Scholarship Program. Undergraduate/graduate students studying public health, health promotion, disability studies to include disability policy and research are preferred for this scholarship.

As funds are limited and competition is high, scholarships are limited to under \$1,000 each. Applicants are evaluated by the AAHD Board of Directors Scholarship Committee. Decisions are made at the end of each academic year. The 2018-19 AAHD Scholarship was awarded in early February 2019. The 2019-20 AAHD Scholarship should be awarded in late January to early February 2020.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have completed one full year of college or more. In other words, the applicant should be pursuing an undergraduate degree and have sophomore status in a program at a college or university; or enrolled in a graduate school (part-time or full-time), pursuing a post graduate degree.
- Applicant must have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), documentation must be provided for verification. Students majoring in public health, disability studies, health promotion or a field related to disability and health will be given preference. Also, students with a history of community service and/or volunteer activities are given priority.
- In order to apply, applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident living in the U.S. and enrolled in an accredited U.S. university.

Application Requirements:

- A personal statement (double spaced, shouldn't exceed two pages) must include a brief personal history, educational/career goals, extra-curricular activities, and reasons why the applicant should be granted this scholarship.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (one from a professor or academic advisor). Letters can be sent via U.S. mail or by email and should include the signature of the person making the recommendation, the subject line of the email must have the student's name.
- An official copy of the applicant's college transcript should be mailed to AAHD in a sealed envelope (not emailed).
- Disability of the applicant must be documented and documentation should be obtained from a disability specialist.
- Applicant must consent to allow AAHD to use his/her name, photo and/or story in future scholarship materials.

Website Link: <https://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/>

Application Link: https://www.aahd.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/AAHDScholarship201920_fillable.pdf

Application Deadline: Deadline for the application is November 15, 2019 for academic year 2020.

The application must be submitted via *email*: scholarship@aahd.us.

or by mail to:

Scholarship Committee
American Association on Health and Disability
110 N. Washington Street, Suite 328-J
Rockville, MD 20850

AG Bell College Scholarship Program

About the Scholarship: The Alexander Graham Bell scholarship is available to students with pre-lingual bilateral hearing loss, attending an accredited college or university. Scholarship amount ranges from \$1,500-\$5,000. As it is a merit based scholarship, eligibility is strict (e.g., spoken communication must be the primary mode of communication of the applicant and hearing loss must have been diagnosed before applicant's fourth birthday). Applicants with cochlear implants are eligible for this scholarship.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be an undergraduate/graduate/post graduate student currently enrolled in a university or four-year college.
- Minimum GPA of 3.5 and above.
- Applicants must be diagnosed with a hearing disability.
- Must be a full-time student.
- Residents of U.S. and students studying in the U.S. are eligible.

Application Requirements:

- Application form.
- Essay on why the applicant needs this scholarship.

Application Deadline: Deadline for the application is March 8, 2020 for academic year 2020.

Website Link: <https://www.agbell.org/Connect/AG-Bell-College-Scholarship-Program>

Contact Details:

Scholarship Committee
3417 Volta PI NW
Washington, DC 20007-2778
Phone: 202-337-522 / Email: scholarships@agbell.org

AmeriGlide Achiever Scholarship

About the Scholarship: AmeriGlide Achiever Scholarship will be provided to a student who uses either a manual wheel chair, power wheel chair, or mobility scooter. The \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to only one applicant to provide financial assistance for tuition and book expenses. Also the school of the winning applicant receives a free swimming pool lift that allows them to increase the accessibility of services to students and staff members with disabilities.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be enrolled at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the U.S. as an undergraduate or graduate student.
- Applicant must have at least one year of college experience.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicant must be a legal resident of the U.S. or hold a valid student visa.

Application Requirement:

- An essay of not more than 600 words stating the applicant's goals for his/her career, the reason for these goals, and the inspiration for these goals.

Website Link: <https://www.ameriglide.com/Scholarship/>

Application Link: <https://www.ameriglide.com/scholarship-application/>

Application Deadline: The deadline for academic year 2020 applications is January 2, 2020 and the scholarship will be awarded on March 1, 2020.

Contact Details:

Phone: 855-228-7130

Anders Tjellstrom Scholarship

About the Scholarship: This scholarship is usually provided to Baha or Nucleus cochlear implant recipients, but it is also available to graduating high school seniors, and undergraduate or graduate students that have applied or are enrolled in an accredited college or university who have cochlear implants. The scholarship amount is \$2,000 up to four years. Official transcripts must be received within 60 days of completion of school year (deadline for submission is June 15).

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a citizen of Canada or U.S.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or above to apply for scholarship.
- Applicant must be either a Baha or Nucleus recipient, and undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited college or university.

- Employees working at Cochlear Limited or their family members are not eligible to apply.

Application Requirements:

- The application must be completed online and will be available on the website on March 31 and deadline for submission is September 30 of each year.
- Official transcripts must be submitted within 60 days of completion of school year.
- Applicants selected for the scholarship will be notified via email by January 31 of each year.

Website Link: <https://www.cochlear.com/us/en/home/ongoing-care-and-support/connect-with-us/scholarships>

Application Link: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/57506-Cochlear-Americas>

Application Deadline: September 30, 2019 is the deadline for application submission for academic year 2020.

Contact Details:

Cochlear Americas
13059 E. Peak View Avenue
Centennial, CO 80111
Phone: 303-790-9010
Toll free: 800-523-5798
Fax: 303-792-9025
Email: <https://www.cochlear.com/us>

Baer Reintegration Scholarship

About the Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to students diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder and bipolar disorder. The scholarship amount varies from \$1,000 up until \$30,000.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be an undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate student.
- Must attend 2-year, 4-year college, vocational tech school, or a university as a part-time or full-time student.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicant should be diagnosed with bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder, and must be receiving medical treatment, including physician's documentation of past history on Recommendation form.
- Be 18 years of age or older by September 2019.

Application Requirements:

- Application Form

- Essay
- Financial Need Analysis

Website Link: <http://www.reintegration.com/>

Application Deadline: Deadline for 2019-20 application is closed. Visit the website on October 1, 2019 for 2020-2021 application.

Contact Details:

Baer Reintegration Scholarship

PO Box 35218

Philadelphia, PA 19128

Email: baerscholarships@reintegration.com

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project

About the Scholarship: The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. has been offering scholarships and financial assistance to students with disabilities pursuing an undergraduate degree. This is a financial needs-based and academic use scholarship intended for undergraduate work at a licensed vocational school, accredited community college, or four-year college/university only. The funds can be used to cover academic expenses, which include tuition, books, lab fees and/or on-campus room and board only (California-Hawaii Elks Major Project). The scholarship awards are normally \$1,000 for community colleges or vocational schools, and \$3,000 for four-year colleges or universities for each academic year. Applicants can reapply a maximum of three times for a four-year undergraduate degree.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a U.S citizen and a resident of California or Hawaii.
- Applicant must be suffering from physical, neurological, visual, hearing impairments, or speech-language disorder.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate or passed General Educational Development (GED) exam or the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE).
- Applicant must demonstrate a financial need.
- Applicant must be planning to obtain an undergraduate degree at an accredited community college, licensed vocational school, or four year college.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must contact an Elks Lodge within the state of California or Hawaii and request an elected lodge officer sign the sponsoring lodge information section found on the application.
- Mailed application packet must include personal information form, two reports from a disability specialist, and a financial analysis form.
- Applicant must also submit a sealed official transcript.

Application Deadline: Application forms will be available on the website by November 15, 2019, and must be completed and submitted before March 15, 2020.

Website Link: <https://chea-elks.org/>

Application Link: <http://chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships>

Contact Details:

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.
5450 E. Lamona Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727-2224
E-Mail: chea@chea-elks.org

California State University, San Bernardino Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

The three scholarships listed below are provided to current students attending CSUSB. All three scholarships are administered by the CSUSB Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships. Students need to complete the online scholarship application via MyCoyote > My Financials > CSUSB Scholarship Site > Online Application, to be considered for all scholarships for which the student is eligible. Students can submit applications from October 1 through March 2 of each academic year.

Travis D. Chatigny Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The Travis D. Chatigny Memorial Scholarship is provided to five CSUSB students who have a physical disability. The applicant must submit the application via MyCoyote.

Criteria:

- Applicants must have a physical disability.
- Applicant must be a CSUSB student.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants must complete the online application via their MyCoyote account.
- Applicants must write a personal statement about what “living with purpose” means to them.
- Applicants must upload a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

Application Deadline: The scholarship application can be accessed online from October 1 through March 2, 2020.

Website Link: https://csusb.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/scholarx_scholarshipsearch.aspx

Mara Simmons Memorial Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The Mara Simmons Memorial Scholarship is provided to three CSUSB students having a physical or learning disability.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a full-time student.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5.
- Applicant must have a physical or learning disability.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants must complete the online application via their MyCoyote account.
- Applicants must upload a letter of recommendation from a faculty member and a personal statement.

Application Deadline: The scholarship application can be accessed online from October 1 through March 2, 2020.

Website Link: https://csusb.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/scholarx_scholarshipsearch.aspx

Molly Adams Expendable Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The Molly Adams Expendable Scholarship is provided to four CSUSB students who have either a mental, physical, and/or learning impairment.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a permanent resident of Riverside or San Bernardino Counties.
- Applicant must have either of the three (physical, mental, or learning) disabilities.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants must complete the online application via their MyCoyote account.
- Applicant must have documentation for either of the three disabilities (physical, mental, or learning).
- Applicants must upload a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and a personal statement.

Application Deadline: The scholarship application can be accessed online from October 1 through March 2, 2020.

Website Link: https://csusb.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/scholarx_scholarshipsearch.aspx

DAPI Scholarship

About the Scholarship: Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society provides scholarships to assist high-achieving students with disabilities in completing their post-secondary education.

Criteria:

- Student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and matriculated to a program that offers an associate's degree, bachelor's degree or a certification leading to a degree.
- Student must be enrolled as an active member of the DAPI chapter at the institution she/he is attending i.e., student must have attended 80% of the chapter meetings and/or organized or assisted with at least one event; or served as a mentor for another student with a disability.
- Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.33.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must submit a completed application along with a signed letter of recommendation from the DAPI chapter advisor who verifies student's participation.
- Applicant must submit another letter of recommendation from a faculty member who must know the student as their academic advisor.
- An official transcript that verifies the GPA as 3.33 and above.
- Applicant must answer two questions :
 1. How has the participation in Delta Alpha Pi helped you develop advocacy and leadership skills?
 2. How will you use your education to advance the rights of individuals with disabilities?
- All submissions must be in letter size.
- All materials must be placed in one envelope; and only completed applications will be accepted.

Application Deadline: Deadline for academic year 2020 is April 12, 2020.

Website Link: <http://deltaalphapihonorsociety.org/dapi-scholarship/dapi-scholarship-criteria-and-requirements/>

Application Link: Applications are available from DAPI chapter advisors.

Contact Details:

Dr. Edith F. Miller, President
Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society
5540 Montauk Lane
Bethlehem, PA 18017-8909

Disabled War Veterans Scholarship

About the Scholarship: This scholarship is provided by the AFCEA Educational Foundation to help

U.S. military personnel. Recipients must be currently enrolled and be attending undergraduate classes at an accredited university in the U.S.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, currently enrolled in a university or a college as a sophomore or junior at the time of application. Freshman and senior level students cannot apply for this scholarship.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0.
- Applicant must be majoring in technical fields, the list of fields is provided on the website.
- Applicant must have served in Overseas Contingency Operations (2003 to present).
- Applicant must provide DD214 or certificate of service.

Application Requirements:

- Application must be completed online or be mailed.
- Two essay questions must be answered explaining how academic and career goals align to the mission of AFCEA, and the other question is a statement of the applicant's teaching skills.
- Official transcripts issued by Registrar's Office which reflect all undergraduate-level study.
- Two letters of recommendation from professors of same field or from commanding officers/employers.

Application Deadline: For the academic year 2020, November 15, 2019 is the deadline.

Website Link: <https://www.afcea.org/site/foundation/scholarships/war-veterans>

Contact Details:

Amanda Goehring
AFCEA Educational Foundation
4114 Legato Road, Suite 1000
Fairfax, VA 22033

Flora Marie Jenkins Memorial Disability Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The Marc Whitehead & Associates Scholarship supports men and women facing unique challenges that show the strength and perseverance to overcome them. The scholarship award amount is \$5,000. Scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, books and related educational expenses at undergraduate institutions.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent U.S. resident
- Applicant must have a documentation of their disability
- Applicant must be enrolled in an undergraduate program (2 or 4 years) or be accepted to an undergraduate program.

Application Requirements: (Documents must be provided via email only)

- Documentation of the applicant's disability
- Proof of legal U.S. residency (passport, driver's license, etc.)
- College ID or acceptance letter
- Most recent transcript
- Upcoming quarter's schedule
- Applicant must submit an original essay of 700-1,500 words, explaining the impact the disability had on the applicant's life and influence it will have in the future. For details on tips to write the essay refer to the website below.

Website Link: <https://disabilitydenials.com/about-us/college-scholarships/disability-scholarship/>

Application Deadline for 2019: April 30, 2019

Applicant will receive a confirmation email after filling out the online application. All the supporting documents mentioned in the application requirements have to be attached to the confirmation email. Applications for academic year 2020 will be updated on the website.

Contact Details:

Marc Whitehead & Associates
Attorneys at Law LLP
403 Heights Blvd
Houston, Texas 77007
Phone: 281-612-8208

Google Lime Scholarship Program

About the Scholarship: Google Lime Scholarships are provided to students pursuing undergraduate, graduate or doctorate degrees at a university in the U.S. or Canada. Freshmen/first year and international students studying in the U.S. or Canada can apply as well. The scholarship amount varies from \$10,000 for those studying in the U.S. and \$5,000 for those studying in Canada. Students need to create a Lime account to apply to the scholarship.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be enrolled as an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral student at a university in the U.S. or Canada.
- Applicant must be pursuing a Computer Science or Computer Engineering degree, or a degree closely related to a technical field.
- Applicant should maintain a strong academic performance.
- Candidates with any kind of disability are encouraged to apply (doesn't matter if the disability is visible or invisible).
- Previous scholars of Google Lime cannot apply.

Application Requirements: log in to the Lime network and upload the documents below.

- Applicant must list education, experience, and contact information.
- Applicant must upload current résumé and unofficial transcripts.
- Applicant must write five essays on the online application form showing the passion he/she has for computer science and other technology related fields.
- One letter of recommendation from a professor, adviser or supervisor.

Website Link: <https://www.limeconnect.com/programs/page/pwc-lime-scholarship>

Application deadline: For the academic year 2019, December 9, 2018 was the deadline. For academic year 2020, the application deadline will be updated on the website.

Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) Educational Scholarships

About the Scholarship: Students with bleeding disorders can apply for the HFA scholarship. HFA is a national nonprofit organization that educates and assists the bleeding disorder community. HFA offers four scholarships of \$2,000 - \$4,000 in three categories: educational scholarship, parent/sibling/child educational scholarship, and medical/healthcare services educational scholarship.

Educational Scholarship: Two educational scholarships of \$2,000 are awarded annually to students or their family members diagnosed with a bleeding disorder.

Criteria:

- The student or his/her family member must be diagnosed with a bleeding disorder.
- The student must be enrolled in college, university or a trade school seeking post-secondary education.
- Student must be a permanent U.S. citizen.

Application Requirements:

- Complete the application online.
- Provide a transcript (official or unofficial) or acceptance letter (for freshmen and transfer students only).
- Two letters of reference (both letters from a professional, like a professor or a supervisor)
- Documentation that the student or his/her family member has a bleeding disorder.
- Submit an essay of 750-1,500 words explaining why the student is applying for the scholarship and how will it be used.

Parent/Sibling/Child Scholarship: Scholarship amount of \$2,000 is awarded to the immediate family member of the person with the bleeding disorder.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a parent/sibling/child of a person with a bleeding disorder. Doesn't matter if the applicant has a disorder or not.
- Applicant must be pursuing post-secondary education from a college or a university.

Application Requirement:

- Complete the application online.
- Provide transcript (official or unofficial) or acceptance letter (for freshmen and transfer students only).
- Two letters of reference (both letters from a professional, like a professor or supervisor)
- Documentation that the applicant's family member has a bleeding disorder.
- Submit an essay of 750-1,500 words explaining why the student is applying for the scholarship and how will it be used.

Medical/Healthcare Services Educational Scholarship: Scholarship amount of \$4,000 is awarded to students pursuing a degree in medical/healthcare services field.

Criteria:

- Applicant must have a bleeding disorder or related to someone with a bleeding disorder.
- Applicant should be pursuing a degree in the medical/healthcare services field.

Application Requirement:

- Complete the application online.
- Provide a transcript (official or unofficial) or acceptance letter (for freshmen and transfer students only).
- Two letters of reference (both letters from a professional, like a professor or supervisor).
- Documentation that the applicant or his/her family member has a bleeding disorder.
- Submit an essay of 750-1,500 words explaining why the student is applying for the scholarship and how it will be used.

Website Link: <https://www.hemophiliafed.org/for-patient-families/resources/educational-scholarships-internships/hfa-educational-scholarships/>

Application deadline: May 31, 2019 was the last day of application cycle for 2019 academic year. The deadline for 2020 applications is April 28, 2020.

Contact Details:

HFA Scholarship Team
scholarships@hemophiliafed.org
Phone: 202-675-6984
Toll free: 800-230-9797

Iconic Displays Autism Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The scholarship is provided by Iconic Displays to students diagnosed with autism. The scholarship amount awarded is \$750.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a high school graduate/current undergraduate/attend a school for those diagnosed with autism.
- Applicant must be enrolled or should be accepted by an accredited school and diagnosed with ASD.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicants who have worked as volunteers or interns are given more preference.

Application Requirements: All the documents must be mailed to Iconic Displays

- Two letters of recommendation, one from a professor or leader in the community, they need to attest to the applicant's ability and desire to pursue their education further.
- Applicant must provide a cover letter with name, address, and contact details.
- Specify the reasons for eligibility as well as history of community service.
- A 600 word essay on how the applicant will use education to make the world a better place.
- Applicant must give consent to Iconic Displays to use applicant's name and picture on their website.

Website Link: <https://www.iconicdisplays.com/Iconic-Displays-Autism-Scholarship.html>

Application Deadline: December 31, 2018 was the deadline for academic year 2019. For the academic year 2020, the deadline will be announced on the website.

Contact Details:

Iconic Displays
ATTN: 2019 Autism Scholarship Submission
1325 Howard Ave #340
Burlingame, CA 94010

Jay Cutler Athletic Scholarship

About the Scholarship: This scholarship is provided to students diagnosed with diabetes. The Diabetes Scholars Foundation supports those students living with diabetes and pursuing education. The scholarship amount is \$5,000 awarded to five students every year having Type 1 diabetes, who play a competitive sport in college.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and pursuing higher education at a university, college, trade or a technical school.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident.
- This scholarship doesn't require proof of financial need.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant will be selected based on grades, activities, volunteerism, leadership, essays, and recommendations from physician treating him/her as well as their counselor.
- Applicants have to complete the application online as well as two recommendations.
- The applicant has to complete only one application and he/she may be matched with a scholarship from a list of several scholarships for students diagnosed with diabetes.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2019 was the deadline for the academic year 2019. Check the website regularly for applications of academic year 2020.

Website Link: <https://diabetesscholars.org/college-scholarship/>

Contact Details:

Scholarship Committee
2118 Plum Grove Road #356
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Phone: 312-215-9861
Email: m.podjasek@diabetesscholars.org

Lighthouse Guild Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The Lighthouse Guild Scholarship is provided to a student diagnosed with loss of vision or is legally blind. This scholarship is provided to students living with low vision or blindness to make a successful transition to college and graduate education. Up to 17 outstanding students are provided College Bound merit based scholarships every year. Also one qualifying graduate student will be provided with a graduate school scholarship, which the student can use in whatever way: tuition, books, travel, and board. The scholarship amount is \$10,000 and is a one-time scholarship.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicant must be high school senior enrolling at a university or college.
- Applicant can be a graduate student or accepted to attend a graduate school.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must attach an official transcript, provide documentation of academic achievement,

SAT and ACT results.

- Applicant must provide proof of legal blindness, proof must be in the form of a statement from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or from a state rehabilitation agency.
- Applicant must submit three letters of recommendation, two of the letters should focus on the academic skills of the applicant and all three letters must have name, address and telephone number of the person providing the recommendation.
- Applicant must provide proof of legal residency in U.S. by submitting a copy of a passport, birth certificate.
- Applicant must write a personal statement of up to 500 words explaining educational or personal goals. Also applicant must write another essay explaining the influence of an outstanding teacher on their education.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2020 is the deadline for academic year 2020.

Website Link: <https://www.lighthouseguild.org/patients-families/scholarships/>

Application Link: <https://www.lighthouseguild.org/patients-families/scholarships/college-bound-scholarship-application/>

Contact Details:

Light House Guild
250 West 64th Street
New York, NY 10023
Phone: 800-284-4422 – TTY 711

Lilly Reintegration Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The scholarship provided by the Center for Rehabilitation is awarded to students diagnosed with bipolar, schizophrenia, or schizoaffective disorder and showing improvement in dealing with the disorder. The scholarship award may be used at any post-secondary institution, vocational/technical school, two-year college, four-year college, or graduate school.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and aged 18 and above.
- Applicant should be diagnosed with bipolar, schizophrenia, or schizoaffective disorder and must be receiving medical treatment and psychiatric follow-up.
- Applicant must be actively involved in reintegration efforts like volunteering, working part-time or school enrollment.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must submit two letters of recommendation.

- Applicant must write an essay on the seriousness of purpose, financial need and academic achievement.
- Applicant must also submit current transcripts.
- Applicant should submit desired school's statement of costs for tuition, books, lab supplies, and mandatory fees.
- Applicant must sign a personal consent and release form, and also send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Application Deadline: For academic year 2020, the application will be available the last week of August 2019.

Website Link: <http://www.reintegration.com/>

Application Link: <http://www.reintegration.com/resources/scholarships/apply.asp>

Contact Details:

Lilly Secretariat PMB 327
 310 Busse Highway
 Park Ridge, IL 60068-3251
 Phone: 800-809-8202
 Email: lillyscholarships@reintegration.com

MediaWorks Scholarship

About the Scholarship: MediaWorks Resource Group, the leading trainers and communication coaches for business clients, have put together a scholarship for students diagnosed with autism. The scholarship amount is \$500.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a high school graduate/current undergraduate/attend a school for individuals diagnosed with autism and must have been diagnosed with ASD.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicants who have worked as volunteers or interns are given preference.

Application Requirements: All the documents must be mailed to MediaWorks.

- Applicant must specify his/her community and volunteer experience.
- Give consent to MediaWorks to use the candidate's name and photograph.
- Student must write an essay of 600 words in a letter explaining how the applicant would use education to bring changes and make the world a better place, the letter must also include name, and contact details of the candidate.

Application Deadline: The deadline for the academic year 2019 was January 10, 2019. Please visit the website regularly to get updates for the upcoming year.

Website Link: <https://mediaworksgroup.com/mediaworks-scholarship-students-autism/>

Contact Details:

MediaWorks Group Scholarship
4136 Del Ray Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90292

National MS Society Scholarship Program

About the Scholarship: National Multiple Sclerosis Society offers scholarships to students every year. Scholarship amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$3,000 depending on the funding. Every year around 300 to 400 students receive scholarships.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be an undergraduate student and should be attending a two-year or four-year college. He/she can be full-time or part-time student.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicant must have a physical disability.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant needs to complete an application form and an essay on why the scholarship is needed.
- Copy of applicant's driver's license.
- Financial need analysis.
- A personal photograph.

Application Deadline: For the academic year 2020, the deadline for submitting application is January 15, 2020.

Website Link: <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Living-Well-With-MS/Work-and-Home/Insurance-and-Financial-Information/Financial-Resources/Scholarship-Program>

Contact Details:

Scholarship Management Services
5150 W. Gold Leaf Circle, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90056
Phone: 507-931-1682
Email: mssociety@scholarshipamerica.org

Organization for Autism Research (OAR)

About the Scholarship: OAR introduced its scholarship program in 2008 to support and encourage students in post-secondary, undergraduate education with an autism spectrum diagnosis. \$3,000

scholarships are provided to students across the U.S. pursuing full-time, post-secondary undergraduate education.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be attending an accredited post-secondary institution in the U.S. and be diagnosed with autism.
- Applicant must be enrolled full-time or in a certification course in a particular field.
- Past scholarship winners are not eligible to apply. Also, the family members of the OAR's Board of Directors or Scientific Council are not eligible to apply.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must complete the online application for either Schwallie Family Scholarship or the Lisa Higgins Scholarship.
- For Lisa Higgins Scholarship, applicant needs to submit two letters of recommendation. One from a teacher, counselor or coach, and another one from a parent or guardian in the form of a personal letter of support.
- For the Schwallie Family Scholarship, applicant may submit one letter of recommendation from a non-relative.
- Applicant must submit proof of diagnosis, which should include medical professional's name and academic letters (M.D., Ph.D.), DSM diagnosis, tools and tests used to determine diagnosis, date of diagnosis, and signature of medical professional, contact information of hospital or clinic.

Application Deadline: For academic year 2020, March 1, 2020 is the deadline.

Website Link: <https://researchautism.smapply.io/>

Contact details:

Organization for Autism Research (OAR)
2000 N. 14th Street, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: 866-366-9710
Email: info@researchautism.org

Scooters N Chairs

Scooters N Chairs offers a scholarship of \$1,000 every semester to eligible students who are currently enrolled at an officially accredited university or college.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old and be a wheel chair user.

- Applicant must be enrolled at an accredited two-year or four-year educational institution at the undergraduate level.
- Applicant must be a resident of the U.S. or possess a valid student visa.
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must write an essay of not more than 2,000 words explaining an experience over the past four months that required the student’s strength and perseverance to overcome.
- Application has to be completed online only.
- The application is made available twice a year for spring and fall quarters.

Application Deadline: The deadline for the fall application is December 15, 2019. The recipient will be announced on December 20, 2019.

Website Link: <https://www.scootersnchairs.com/>

Application link: <https://www.scootersnchairs.com/pages/2019-student-scholarship?msID=69558a45-88a0-4d2d-b7cd-85fb07e951a5>

Contact Details:

Scooters N Chairs
 3340 Peachtree Rd.
 Atlanta, Georgia
 Phone: 1-800-674-8395
 Email: Raphael@scootersnchairs.com

Soozie Courter Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The Pfizer Scholarship program is in its 22nd year providing scholarships to students diagnosed with Hemophilia A or Hemophilia B. The scholarship amount varies from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a U.S. resident.
- Applicant must be a high school senior or a graduate student in a school in the U.S. or must have been accepted to or enrolled in a college or vocational school.

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must submit a personal essay.
- Two recommendation forms, one of the recommendation forms should be completed by the applicant’s healthcare provider.
- Applicant must also complete a release form.
- A Transcript Request form must be sent to the university of the student.

Application Deadline: For academic year 2020, May 5, 2020 is the deadline for submission.

Website Link: https://www.hemophiliavillage.com/sites/default/files/PP-HEM-USA-1135_Hemophilia%20Scholarship%20Materials_Final_Populated.pdf

Contact Details:

Pfizer Scholarship Program
120 Albany Street
Tower 1, Suite 503
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

SunWise Autism Scholarship

About the Scholarship: This scholarship is provided by SunWise Capital to students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The scholarship amount is \$500.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be diagnosed with ASD, and enrolled or accepted in an accredited school.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicant must be a recent high school graduate, an undergraduate or must be attending a school for individuals diagnosed with ASD.

Application Requirements: all the documents must be mailed to SunWise Capital

- An updated cover letter consisting of name, email address, and contact details.
- Details on volunteer work and community service.
- Documentation of enrollment or acceptance into an accredited college or university.
- Two letters of recommendation from former professors or community leaders who can attest to the applicant's passion for learning, character and talent.
- A consent to SunWise Capital for them to use the applicant's name and photo on their website.

Application Deadline: For the academic year 2019, the deadline has already passed (January 10, 2019), check the website regularly for updates.

Website Link: <https://sunwisecapital.com/autism-scholarship/>

Contact Details:

SunWise Capital
Attn: Autism Scholarship
20423 State Road 7 F6-350
Boca Raton, FL 33498
Phone: 888-456-9223

UC Berkeley Family Epilepsy Scholarship

About the Scholarship: UCB provides this scholarship to 30 students in high school, college, or university each academic year from across the U.S. This scholarship is provided to students diagnosed with epilepsy. The scholarship amount is \$5,000. Two applicants will receive an epilepsy leadership scholarship of \$10,000.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a U.S. resident.
- Applicant must be diagnosed with epilepsy or their family member/caregiver of the applicant must be diagnosed with epilepsy.
- Applicant must be graduating high school or already be graduated and enrolled in an accredited university.
- Applicant cannot be an employee of UCB or an immediate family member of an UCB employee.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants need to complete the application form.
- Show proof of community service.
- Applicant must write an essay about why they need this scholarship and submit a personal photograph.

Website Link: <https://ucbepilepsyscholarship.com/>

Application Deadline: February 5, 2020 is the deadline for 2020 applications.

Contact Details:

Scholarship Committee
1421 East Broad Street, Suite 340
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
Phone: 866-825-1920
Email: ucbepilepsyscholarship@summitmedcomm.com

Website links for other lesser known scholarships and financial aid for students with disabilities

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/scholarships-financial-aid-for-students-with-disabilities/>

<https://www.learnhowtobecome.org/career-resource-center/financial-aid-for-college-students-with-disabilities/>

<https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/affordable-colleges-for-students-with-disabilities/>

<https://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-students-with-disabilities/>

<https://www.washington.edu/doit/college-funding-students-disabilities>

Tips on Writing a Personal Statement

Personal statements, also known as “Statements of Purpose,” are generally an essay or series of essays required for scholarship applications. The personal statement should showcase your accomplishments and express your vision of what you are going to achieve in the future. In short, the Statement of Purpose must make you stand out amongst the competition.

There is no specific way to write a personal statement, as it is dependent on the type of questions asked on the scholarship application. Thus, different scholarships can require different topics. To generalize the process for writing a statement of purpose, consider the tips below:

- Understand and analyze the questions asked on an application form.
- Do thorough research on the scholarship.
- Prepare a set of responses about your strengths, career plans, influences, academic experiences, research conducted, mentors, volunteerism and hobbies. Write a short response for each.
- Prepare an essay with the help of the personal responses in the previous step.
- Revise the content and format of the essay written.
- Solicit suggestions from faculty and counselors for further revision.
- Proof read for grammar, content and format errors.

Do's:

- Answer all questions asked in the application form uniquely (even if they seem repetitive).
- Make responses interesting, add personal experiences.
- Use statement of purpose to introduce yourself.
- For a one page essay, write on three or more different topics.
- Make sure the essay doesn't have grammar mistakes.
- Try not to use technical terms or passive voice.

Don'ts:

- Write what the selection committee wants to hear even if it is dishonest.
- Repeat the same topics and choose examples that are unrelated.
- Use stock phrases or expressions or write in clichés.
- Answer in general terms or in an abstract way.

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