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Foreword

Paying for tuition and other 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 over 29 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 bachelor 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 to these scholarships and make use of all the resources available to them.

ABC Law Centers Cerebral Palsy Annual Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The annual scholarship is for financial assistance designed to simultaneously increase awareness about cerebral palsy and celebrate the achievements of those with cerebral palsy. ABC Law Centers will award one scholarship per year in the amount of \$1,000 to a student who has cerebral palsy.

Criteria:

To be considered, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be seeking, in the process of completing, or have obtained higher education at an institution in the United States (either as an undergraduate or graduate student).
- Have cerebral palsy.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.0.

Application Requirements:

- A completed application (Must be submitted to the web link below).
- An official academic transcript (Must be submitted via email).
- An essay not exceeding two typed, single-spaced pages describing how you have been affected by cerebral palsy (CP). You may discuss any obstacles you've overcome, as well as any other ways in which you have been influenced (e.g., if you believe that having CP has affected your career goals, personality, etc.).
- A different creative project focused on the same topic. Examples include, but are not limited to photo projects, video or other multimedia presentations (videos should not exceed five minutes.), creative writing, or performance piece.
- A short explanation of what you plan to do with the scholarship funds. An example may include use of scholarship funds for tuition in higher education (for undergraduate applicants and graduate applicants).
- Applicants must send their transcript(s) and essay/creative project in ONE email to the Scholarship Committee (community@abclawcenters.com).
- For applicants who plan to apply the funds to non-tuition purposes (such as internships, research opportunities, charity projects, etc.), applicants must clearly outline the following: purpose of the project, the demonstrable benefit of the project, and a clear step-by-step execution plan.

Website Link: <https://www.abclawcenters.com/cerebral-palsy-scholarship/>

Application Deadline: The completed application must be submitted by July 31, 2021.

Contact Information:

Phone: 866-742-5070

Email: community@abclawcenters.com

ACB Scholarship Program

About the Scholarship: The American Council of the Blind's (ACB) Scholarship Program was established in 1982. ACB and the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) have now partnered together to offer educational scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,500 for those attending a technical college or as an entering freshman, undergraduate or a graduate student. This program awards students with scholarships to help with post-secondary education financial needs such as tuition, fees, room and board, and other additional costs associated with adaptive technology.

Criteria:

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants need to be legally blind, maintain a 3.0 GPA for most scholarships, be a full-time student (as well as students who work 32 or more hours per week and attend college part time), and be involved in their school/local community.

Application Requirements:

All interested candidates must register for an ACB account prior to submitting a scholarship application online. Once you have created an account with ACB, please log in and access the scholarship application from the link at the top of the site. [Visit this link to create an account or login](#) or <https://members.acb.org>

You will need to include the following documents with your completed application:

- Certification of legal blindness from an ophthalmologist, optometrist or physician. Legal blindness is defined as an individual who cannot see better than 20/200 in the best eye with glasses or contact lenses or whose visual field in the best eye is 20 degrees or less at the widest diameter with glasses or contact lenses.
- A transcript(s) from the school you are currently attending. Entering freshmen will need to include their high school transcripts and graduate students will need to include undergraduate transcripts. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, a 3.0 cumulative grade point average is required.
- Two letters of recommendation from a current or recent instructor, career counselor or employer. Please submit each letter of recommendation separately.
- Proof of acceptance from a post-secondary school. Entering and transferring students must submit a notice or letter from the admissions office certifying acceptance or consideration for admission. If this is not available when the application is submitted, it must be submitted as soon as it is available. Students continuing at the same school attended during 2020-2021 will not need to submit this document.

Website Link: <https://acb.org/scholarships>

Application Deadline: Applications for the 2020-2021 school year can be submitted online from Monday, November 2, 2020 to Monday, February 15, 2021 11:59 pm (CST).

Contact Information:

American Council of the Blind
1703 N Beauregard Street, Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22311
Phone: 202-467-5081
Email: info@acb.org

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 the school year.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a citizen of Canada or the U.S.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or above to apply for the 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 the 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: The application opens March 31, 2021 and closes September 30, 2021.

Contact Information:

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>

Beth Carew Memorial Scholarship Program

About the Scholarship: Any undergraduate student with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, or a related inherited bleeding disorder is eligible to apply for the Beth Carew Memorial Scholarship as long as all of the below criteria are also met: applicants must be diagnosed with an inherited bleeding disorder (students who do not have an inherited bleeding disorder but whose parent(s) or sibling(s) have an inherited bleeding disorder are not eligible to apply, even though they are affected by an inherited bleeding disorder). Before applying for this scholarship, the eligibility quiz must be completed.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legally living permanently in the United States.
- Applicants must have volunteered time and energy to directly benefit the bleeding disorders community (regardless of any legitimate barriers to one's ability to accomplish volunteerism within the bleeding disorders community, applicants should not apply if they cannot fulfill this requirement).
- Applicants must be entering or attending an accredited 2-year or 4-year undergraduate institution in the United States to obtain their first undergraduate degree (high school seniors, undergraduate freshmen, undergraduate sophomores, and undergraduate juniors may apply. Students who are pursuing or resuming an undergraduate degree later in adulthood may apply even if there was a gap in their academic career.
- Applicants who are past recipients of the Beth Carew Memorial Scholarship may reapply throughout their undergraduate career.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants must show proof of illness.
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation.

Website Link: <http://colkeen.org>

Application Deadline: The application deadline for the 2021 academic year is February 18, 2021.

Contact Information:

Scholarship Committee

PO Box 811

Enfield, CT 06083

Email: admin@colkeen.org

Phone: 860-578-3687

Fax: 888-345-0259

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.

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

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

Application Deadline: The application packet will be accepted in the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. office beginning February 1, 2021 to be considered for the 2021-2022 cycle. Application packets are available from November 15, 2020 through March 15, 2021. The entire application packet should be completed and postmarked on or before March 15, 2021 and received in the Fresno office by April 1, 2021.

Contact Information:

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

California State University, San Bernardino Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

The two scholarships listed below are provided to current students attending CSUSB. The 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.

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.

Website Link:

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

Application Deadline: The application deadline for 2021 academic year is March 2, 2021.

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.

Website Link:

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

Application Deadline: The application deadline for 2021 academic year is March 2, 2021.

The Christopher Mark Pitkin Memorial Scholarship

About the Scholarship: This scholarship fund has been created to honor the memory of Chris Pitkin, health policy consultant and advocate, a leader in the hemophilia community, former president of the Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California, and a beloved friend of many. The Christopher Mark Pitkin Memorial Scholarship is for all members of the hemophilia and bleeding disorders community, including spouses, siblings, and children. In particular, persons living with hemophilia and HIV and their family members are encouraged to apply.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be pursuing a post-high school or college or technical/trade school education.
- This scholarship is limited to members residing in the Southern California area, excluding San Diego County. Priority is given to first-time applicants.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants must create and submit a personal bio to SSD.

Application Deadline: The personal bio must be submitted to ssd@csusb.edu by August 1, 2021. There is one remaining scholarship available for the 2020-2021 cycle.

CSU Dale M. Schoettler Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students

About the Scholarship: The Dale M. Schoettler Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students was established in 1991 for San Francisco State and San Jose State University students to receive a quality education in pursuit of a professional career in business, humanities, arts, and the sciences. After Mr. Schoettler's death in 2001, the California State University (CSU) received a \$4.8 million bequest from his estate to expand the existing financial aid program for visually impaired students to all 23 CSU campuses. Mr. Schoettler, who himself was blind, was a businessman from Mountain View, California.

Applications are available through the campus financial aid office. Students who have previously been nominated and/or awarded the Schoettler scholarship may continue to apply each year they meet the qualifications.

Criteria:

- Applicants must currently have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale and must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale during the academic year in which the award is received.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in 6.1 units or more as a CSU undergraduate or graduate student in any major field and must remain enrolled in 6.1 units during the academic year in which the award is received.
- Applicants must have a visual disability and provide verification from a medical health professional, which includes the best corrected visual acuity notations. (Please note that the disability must be such that it impedes the educational process and necessitates accommodations, support services, or programs).
- Students who have previously been nominated and/or awarded the Schoettler scholarship may continue to apply each year provided they continue to meet the qualifications.

Application Requirements:

Completed applications must include the following:

- A completed Scholarship Applicant Information form.
- A Confirmation of Visual Disability form completed by a medical health professional.

- A brief Personal Statement by the student describing his or her background, personal achievements, challenges encountered, educational pursuits, and goals and aspirations for the future.
- An Application Checklist (to be completed by SSD and the Financial Aid office)

Application Deadline: Application must be completed by December 1, 2021.

Contact Information:

CSU, San Bernardino

ATTN: Financial Aid Office

5500 University Parkway

San Bernardino, CA 92407

Phone: 909-537-5227

Email: financialaid@csusb.edu

For more information please visit: <http://www.calstate.edu/foundation/Scholarship.shtml>

DAPi Scholarship

About the Scholarship: Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society (DAPi) 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 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 (SSD Director) 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.
- Please respond to the two questions listed below. Your response may be written (e.g., essay/poem), visual (e.g., painting/collage), or performance-based (e.g., musical composition). Respond separately to each question.

- How has the participation in Delta Alpha Pi helped you develop advocacy and leadership skills?
- 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.

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

Application Link: Applications are available at SSD.

Application Deadline: All materials should be placed together in one envelope. Please do not staple pages and do submit copies on one side only. Only complete applications will be considered. Please send complete packet by Friday, April 9, 2021.

Contact Information:

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 a DD-214 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 with 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.

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

Application Deadline: Applications for 2021 academic year available January 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021.

Contact Information:

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

Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County College Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The program offers scholarships ranging between \$250-\$2,500 awarded to individuals with epilepsy seeking post-secondary education who are permanent residents of San Diego County, Imperial County, or Southern Riverside County, CA.

Criteria:

Scholarship applicants must be permanent residents of San Diego County, Imperial County, or Southern Riverside County. Applicants may be enrolled in a school outside of these areas. Scholarship applicants must also meet one of the following criteria:

1. Students currently being treated for epilepsy that are currently enrolled or will be enrolled in a college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2021. Applicants must provide a letter from their doctor verifying that they are currently being treated for epilepsy/seizure disorder. Applicants must also show satisfactory academic performance and demonstrate financial need. (The criteria for “satisfactory academic performance” do not necessarily mean high GPA. It will be considered according to the capabilities of the student given any learning disabilities, medication side effects, etc.).
2. Full-time college or university students involved in epilepsy research projects in the fields of health or social science. Applicants must provide a letter from their professor documenting project details. Students must also have a GPA of at least 3.0 for all work completed and demonstrate financial need.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must attach the following documents in their application package:

- Completed scholarship application.
- Statement of Eligibility
- Statement of Financial Need
- Current transcript (official or unofficial) verifying enrollment and GPA.
- Letter from your doctor stating you are currently being treated for epilepsy OR letter from your professor stating you are currently working on an epilepsy research project (please include project details).
- Two letters of recommendation
- All documentation must be mailed to the mailing address below:

Website Link: <https://epilepsysandiego.org/epilepsy-programs/college-scholarships/>

Application Link: <https://epilepsysandiego.org/epilepsy-programs/college-scholarships/>

Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted by May, 1, 2021.

Contact Information:

Mail to: Attn: Scholarships
 Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County College Scholarship
 2055 El Cajon BLVD
 San Diego, CA 92104
 Telephone: 619-296-0161
 Email: shannon@epilepsysandiego.org

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 term course 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: Applicants 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. Application must be submitted by April 30, 2021.

Contact Information:

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

Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) Educational Scholarship

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 Requirements:

- 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 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 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: Applications for the 2021 academic year are available online until May 31, 2021.

Contact Information:

HFA Scholarship Team

Phone: 202-675-6984

Email: scholarships@hemophiliafed.org

INCIGHT Scholarship

About the Scholarship: Since 2004, INCIGHT has awarded more than 850 scholarships to students with disabilities pursuing higher education. These scholars are enrolled in community college, university, vocational school, and graduate programs. Students who demonstrate outstanding service to their community and overcome personal obstacles are awarded scholarships from INCIGHT. These scholars spread the message of INCIGHT far and wide. After graduation and throughout their life INCIGHT scholars volunteer, support, and participate in INCIGHT. The scholarship program awards scholarships to students with disabilities pursuing higher education, who are residents of Oregon, Washington, or California. Amounts range from \$250-\$500 per semester and can increase overtime. INCIGHT encourages applicants to reapply for more scholarship opportunities.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be a current Washington, Oregon, or California resident.
- Applicants must have a disability. This can be any type of disability as it is defined by the ADA, DSM-V, IDEA, or other governing body. This classification includes, but is not limited to autism, deaf-blindness, deafness, developmental delay, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment, including blindness.
- Applicants must be attending higher education during the funding cycle following your application (2021-2022 school year). This includes college, university, community college, or vocational school. You may be pursuing any type of degree within these institutions (Associates Degree, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, etc.).
- Applicants must be enrolled and provide enrollment verification to INCIGHT.

Application Requirements:

- One completed Application Form that contains basic information about the applicant.
- Two (2) completed essay responses. INCIGHT welcomes video essay responses. Please keep video submissions between 1 and 3 minutes in length and share a link as the response.

Website Link: <https://www.incight.org/scholarship>

Application Deadline: The application deadline is April 15, 2021.

Contact Information:

111 SW Columbia Street, Suite 940

Portland, OR 97201

Phone: 971-244-0305

Fax: 971-244-0304

Email: scholarship@incight.org

InfuCare Rx Neuromuscular Scholarship

About the Scholarship: This scholarship is provided to students diagnosed with the following conditions: chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), multiple sclerosis (MS) or myasthenia gravis (MG). The InfuCare Rx scholarship program helps people living with chronic and complex medical conditions pursue higher education.

Criteria:

- Applicants are not required to be patients of InfuCare Rx, but must have an eligible diagnosis. Family members of the diagnosed person are not eligible.
- Be a resident of the United States.
- Funds must be used for furthering education through a college, university, or vocational school within the United States.
- Applicants must already be accepted to a college, university, or vocational program for the 2021-22 school year. Finalists will be required to submit a recent transcript and will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.
- All applicants must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in their previous year of study (unless in a doctoral program with Pass/Fail programs).
- Applicants must display professional conduct and must be willing to act as an ambassador of the scholarship program throughout the upcoming school year.
- Applicants must be willing to allow their submitted information to be made public in the event they are selected.

Application Requirements:

- Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee and announcements will be made after decisions have been reached.
- Applicants may be in a variety of fields of study and career paths. Preference is for paths of study in medical, healthcare, and pharmacy related studies.
- Applicant may apply again if they have done so in previous years as long as they have not received a scholarship and still meet the eligibility requirements.
- All requirements are subject to change.
- All applicants must include a signed copy of the Applicant Agreement and Physician Form in order to be considered. It can be accessed through the “Apply Now” button on the website.

Website Link: <https://infucarerx.com/scholarships/>

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted from eligible candidates until May 15, 2021.

Contact Information:

Phone: 877-828-3940

TTY: 240-580-1926

Email: contact@infucarerx.com

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 a physician treating the student as well as their counselor.
- Applicants must complete the application online as well as two recommendations.
- The applicant must complete only one application and may be matched with a scholarship from a list of several scholarships for students diagnosed with diabetes.

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

Application Deadline: Application opens at 9 am PDT on February 10, 2021 and closes at 11:59 pm PDT on April 6, 2021.

Contact Information:

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 the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the recommendation.
- Applicant must provide proof of legal residency in the U.S. by submitting a copy of a passport or 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, 2021 is the deadline for academic year 2021.

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

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

Contact Information:

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

National Scholarship for College Students with Disabilities

About the Scholarship: disABLEDperson, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization whose mission is to reduce the high unemployment rate of individuals and veterans with disabilities. disABLEDperson Inc. is an organization that also conducts scholarships for college students with disabilities. The scholarship awards are \$1,000.

Application Requirements:

- Write an essay with no more than 1,000 words (prompt can be found [HERE](#). Next, you need to register for the competition. To do so click on “[Register for this Scholarship](#)” link. Fill out the form completely and paste your essay into the form.
- The application form must be filled out completely.
- The applicant must be enrolled in a two- or four-year accredited college or university in the U.S. They must be a matriculated student and attending school full-time and a U.S. citizen.
- Applicants who are not attending school full-time if the part-time attendance is due to their disability and not their financial situation (minimum of 6 credits for undergraduate, 6 credits for graduate) are accepted.

Website Link: <https://www.disabledperson.com/scholarships/30>

Application Deadline: The application deadline is February 28, 2021.

Contact Information:

disABLEDperson, Inc.
PO Box 230636
Encinitas, CA 92023-0636
Phone: 760-420-1269
Email: info@disabledperson.com

The Nicholas J. Delonardis Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The goal of the Nicholas J. Deleonardis Scholarship is to encourage full-time college students to engage in research leading to noninvasive technologies that will improve communication between Deaf and hearing people. The scholarship amount is \$6,000 and may cover any portion of tuition, fees, or books.

Criteria:

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a full-time undergraduate or full-time graduate student at an accredited four-year university or college in the United States.

- Have permanent U.S. residency.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent).
- Complete the entire application packet.
- Propose a research project involving non-invasive technology that will improve communication between Deaf and hearing people. The project will be completed by the applicant as a part of the program requirements.
- The American Sign Language Project does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religious beliefs, or gender.

Application Requirements:

- Completed application form, which is at the end of the Instructions and Application Form Document, which can be found at the website below.
- Official college transcript.
- A letter of recommendation (500-1,000 words) from a teacher who is familiar with your academic record, skills, and abilities.
- Proof of permanent residency, if not a U.S. citizen.
- A 3-5 page description of a proposed research project, including project goals and timeline. Explain how the project fills a need not previously addressed. Include an explanation of how the research will create noninvasive technology that will facilitate better communication between Deaf and hearing people. The applicant must propose a scholarship period, which may not exceed one year. The project must be completed by the applicant during the scholarship period.
- A personal statement, no more than one page, that explains how the applicant became interested in non-invasive technology for better Deaf/hearing communication, and how the proposed project fits into the applicant's life plan. This will help the scholarship committee get a better sense of the applicant as a person.

Website Link: <http://aslproject.com/scholarship/index.htm>

Application Deadline: Application deadline is April 15, 2021.

Contact Information: Send all application materials to scholarship@aslproject.com

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 (ASD). \$3,000 scholarships are provided to students across the U.S. pursuing full-time, post-secondary undergraduate education. OAR maintains a list of scholarships from other organizations that are available to students on the spectrum.

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 the 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.

Website Link: <https://researchautism.org/how-we-help/scholarships/>

Application Deadline: Applications are open until May 3, 2021 at 11:59 pm EST.

Contact Information:

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

Ruby's Rainbow Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The goal and mission at Ruby's Rainbow is to grant scholarships to adults with Down syndrome who are seeking post-secondary education, enrichment or vocational classes, helping them achieve their dreams of higher education while spreading awareness of their capabilities and general awesomeness. Ruby's Rainbow Scholarships range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and must be utilized in full within one academic year.

Criteria:

- This scholarship is for individuals with Down syndrome who are at least 18 years old, or who will turn 18 by July 1 of the application year.

- The applicant has the desire and intent to enroll or continue enrollment in a post-secondary class or program that will enhance their life through employment, independent living or life skills, or interests in any other areas.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants will provide copies of their high school diploma or equivalent (e.g., certificate of completion), high school transcript if graduating in the spring of this year, or acceptance to or current enrollment in a post-secondary program.
- Individuals who have previously been awarded a Ruby’s Rainbow scholarship can apply for another scholarship via the RE-APPLY Application. Please be sure you download or click the correct RE-APPLY Application form from the website listed below. Please DO NOT fill out the original application if you have previously been awarded a Ruby’s Rainbow Scholarship!
- Ruby’s Rainbow Scholarship funds must be applied toward tuition at a university, community college or post-secondary institution, including institutes of technology and vocational and trade schools; this includes certificate, degree, and non-degree programs. Note that the program must be located within the United States.
- Scholarship funds can be used for housing, food, or transportation ONLY if these costs are already included as part of the tuition fee. Separate payments will not be made for these accommodations.
- Up to 10% of scholarship funds awarded may be used for textbooks and other coursework-related supplies if needed. In this case, a paid receipt must be provided to Ruby’s Rainbow for reimbursement.
- Enrichment classes in the arts qualify for funding if they are certified programs. Examples of qualifying enrichment classes include painting or film production classes or workshops.

Application Deadline: The application deadline is April 18, 2021.

Website Link: <https://rubysrainbow.org/apply-now-3/>

Contact Information: Please do not hesitate to reach out to Liz@rubysrainbow.org with any questions!

RJ Mitte Breaking Barriers Scholarship

About the Scholarship: The RJ Mitte Breaking Barriers Scholarship will be awarded to a student with a mental or physical disability in need of support financing their education. The scholarship amount is \$1,000 and one winner will be selected.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be a citizen of the U.S.
- Applicants must suffer from a mental or physical disability.

- Applicants may be asked to provide proof of disability.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants must sign up to apply for this scholarship at <https://bold.org/scholarships/rj-mitte-breaking-barriers-scholarship/>
- Applicants must write a 250-750 word essay on the following topic: How has your experience growing up with a disability influenced your choice of field of study and your goals for the future?
- The winner will be publicly announced on May 14, 2021. Prior to the announcement date, the finalist will be contacted with additional questions about their application.
- They will work with donors to review all applications according to the scholarship criteria. Winners will be chosen based on the merit of their application.
- Before the scholarship is awarded, the winner will be required to verify their academic enrollment status by providing a copy of their most recent transcript.

Website Link: <https://bold.org/scholarships/rj-mitte-breaking-barriers-scholarship/>

Application Deadline: The application deadline is April 30, 2021.

Contact information: contact@bold.org

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: Application for 2021-2022 academic year is due by June 11, 2021.

Website Link: <https://www.hemophiliavillage.com/scholarship-program>

Contact Information:

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 (ASD). 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 2021, the deadline has already passed (January 10, 2021). Please check the website regularly for updates for scholarship opportunities.

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

Contact Information:

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: UC Berkeley 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.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2021 is the application deadline for the 2021 academic year.

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

Contact Information:

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.
- Proofread 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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