

Scholarships for Students with Special Needs

Financial assistance is available to students with disabilities that will be continuing their education. Whether choosing a college, university or vocational education, there are numerous scholarships available from a variety of sources. Federal and/or State-based Grants and Scholarships, College/University Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships from National Organizations and Corporations and Military Specific Grants are available to benefit students. Some scholarships are only available to students who have physical challenges, vision and hearing impairments, learning disabilities and other types of special needs. With the abundant of scholarships available, be sure to research the application requirements to find the scholarship that will best coincide with your student.

Federal Grants for Students with Disabilities

The Federal government sponsors a number of financial aid programs for college-bound students, including the popular [Pell Grant](#). The Pell grant is open to students from all backgrounds, and those with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. However, more specific to students with disabilities is the U.S. Department of Education's [TRIO Programs](#). Operated in coordination with a number of colleges and universities across the country, the Federal TRIO Programs provide education grants for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, including those with severe disabilities. To apply for any Federal aid, students must first fill out and submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), of FAFSA, in order to be eligible for any of the U.S. Department of Education's financial aid programs.

College and University Scholarships

Numerous Colleges/Universities sponsor grants and scholarships for students with disabilities. Availability of these programs will vary depending upon the institution. If your student is interested in attending a specific college, you are urged to consult the college's financial aid department to learn more about specific grants for which they may qualify. In addition to the financial assistance, many colleges and universities also sponsor grant programs to help pay for much needed ancillary supplies. This financial and technological support enables disabled students to participate fully in a classroom setting.

Universities and Colleges for the Disabled

Some disabled students prefer to attend a college dedicated to their specific special need and/or particular handicap. For these students, attending college with fellow students who share similar life experiences can make the education process easier. There are a great number of colleges, universities and technical schools that specialize in providing higher educational opportunities for those with disabilities. These schools also offer an array of grants and scholarships to help offset their tuition costs.

National Organizations and Corporation Scholarships

Many organizations, both public and private, sponsor grants for disabled students who would otherwise not have the financial resources to pursue their college education. There are foundations and associations throughout the country dedicated to funding grants and scholarships that address nearly every form of mental or physical disability.

Military Specific Scholarships

Students who are a military spouse or military dependant are encouraged to apply for Military Specific Scholarships. Please follow the links below for more information.

<http://www.aerhq.org/dnn563/Scholarships.aspx>

<http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do?ESRC=family.nl>

Click the links below for more information various scholarships. There is a vast assortment of scholarships available, so please take the time to read through each link carefully.

<http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/disability-scholarships/>

<http://www.disabled-world.com/disability/education/scholarships/>

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/fin.aid.index.htm>

http://www.nwfsc.edu/OSSN/documents/SCHOLARSHIPS_forStudentsWithSpecialNeeds.pdf

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/resource-library/post-secondary-education-resources>

http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory/disability/learning-disabled/#./?&_suid=1384874578064023858053183274391

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