Accessibility TipSheet: Scholarship and Financial Aid Resources for Students with Disabilities

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TipSheets are produced by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to offer resources, guidance and examples of best practices on a variety of different accessibility to the cultural arts related issues. This TipSheet is part of a series intended to be used by students, their families, their counselors, teachers and other educators as an introduction to and resource towards pursuing an arts-based career and for making the transition between school and work. The information presented in this TipSheet is intended solely as guidance and is not a determination of an individual's or of an organization's legal rights and responsibilities. If you have tips to share, issues you'd like a tip on, or information that you think should be added to an existing TipSheet please feel free to email us at: access@kennedy-center.org

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In today’s world, developing your talents and skills is essential to obtaining employment in your chosen career. If you have chosen or feel driven to having a career as an artist, performer, arts administrator or arts educator you will keep developing your talents and skills during your entire lifetime.

Being successful in the arts means you will commit to getting experience, training and education. It also means sticking with it and being persistent. While you are in school is a great time to practice and experiment with your art. You can meet fellow artists, performers, teachers and students who could become lifelong friends and mentors. And you can explore a variety of different careers and prepare yourself for the job market while simultaneously enjoying the fun of discovering new ways to express your talent and creativity.

If you are looking for scholarship and financial aid resources, then you are probably formulating ideas about your future. It is a great time to think about all the various creative, exciting, and prestigious jobs that are related to the arts. Aside from the ones you have already thought about – actor, dancer, musician, painter – keep in mind all of the other ways in which you can have a career in the arts: video director and editors, sound engineer, booking managers, costumer and set designers, talent and literary agents, special events coordinator and fundraisers, or other arts administration positions to be found in the world of museums and theaters.

*The list of arts-based jobs is limitless – ArtsWORK has careers and job titles listed from A – Z, plus some other great resources if you are thinking about a career in the creative field at: www.artsworkindiana.org/index.php?pageId=170*
HERE ARE SOME FINANCING TIPS:

• Start your search without considering your disability. Learn about federal financial aid, student loans, and college scholarships. Review the websites listed under “Scholarship and Financial Aid Sources” and “Publications on the Web about Financial Aid.”

• Develop a strategy. Remember that loans have to be paid back. If your parents are paying most of your tuition, they may have to work with the school on financial aid. Ask them about family finances. Scholarships you earn will help your entire family. As you develop your strategy, begin to consider your disability, how it impacts your life and your chosen arts-based career, and how it might affect your search for funds.

• Recognize that there is no pool of money by the federal government that is specifically reserved for post-secondary education for students with disabilities.

• Review the material in the “Disability Related Financial Aid and Scholarship Information” section. It will review disability-specific resources including State Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Social Security Work Incentives such as “Plan for Achieving Self Support” (PASS). It will also discuss disability-related issues in obtaining federal financial aid, such as considering your disability-related expenses.

• Consider Vocational Rehabilitation funding as part of the financial aid process, if you are currently a client. If you are not currently a client, applying for services is a long shot, but should be considered. Vocational rehabilitation can help you with your tuition expenses and disability-related accommodations if you are deemed eligible for services. However, you are not entitled to vocational rehabilitation services. You must be evaluated to see if your disability gets in the way of getting a job. And your education must directly relate to your ability to work and be part of a rehabilitation plan.

• Decide how you will accommodate your disability during your search for funding. The financial aid application process is complicated and requires an organized approach. Find someone to help you set goals and tasks if your disability makes that difficult. Decide how best to produce well written essays, including the use of proper spelling and grammar. You might use assistive technology or find someone to proofread your essays.

• Have you found that your disability has made a positive impact in your life? If your story encourages and motivates
others, it may make an excellent essay. The way that you confronted challenges related to aspects of your disability can demonstrate how you solve problems and work hard.

• Most scholarship applications require written essays. If you believe that you can express yourself better using your art, consider asking if you can include or substitute a video, a picture, or recording. Some may agree while others may not. But asking can’t hurt and it may make you stand out positively. If writing is in your area of disability, it may be the best way to compete.

• Talk to everyone you know about your search for funding. Many scholarships are limited to a small local area or a specialized area. They are not always advertised. Look for stories about people who won scholarships. Check with your house of worship, your high school teachers, and your mentors - anyone who might be helpful. If you have counselors who work with you, ask them.

• Review the specific arts-related scholarships in this publication and apply to as many as possible. If a link does not work, search by the title. This publication was revised as of March 8, 2013, but web links can change quickly.

• Use the scholarship search sites listed in “Scholarship and Financial Aid Sources.” Develop your own searches. But always remember to be careful as you search. Learn to tell the difference between advertisements and material from legitimate sources. You will be exposed to many scams as you conduct your search for funding. Many scholarships that have expired are still on the web and look current. Be careful to check for application deadlines.
The Office of VSA and Accessibility at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts wishes you well in your search for funding for your education and your future career in the arts and creative field.

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**SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID SOURCES:**

- **Bigfuture**
  - *3 steps to financial aid*
  - [www.collegeboard.com/pay](http://www.collegeboard.com/pay)

- **Bigfuture**
  - *scholarship search*
  - [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)

- **US News and World Report**
  - *Paying for College*
  - [www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/dollars/dshome.htm](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/dollars/dshome.htm)

- **Fastweb**
  - *get personalized awards based on your profile*
  - [www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships](http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships)

**Scholarships.com**
- *scholarship search and financial aid*
  - [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

**Scholarship Help**
- *describes the process of finding and applying for scholarships*
  - [www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org)

**FinAid**
- *Student guide to financial aid information, advice, and tools*
  - [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

**CollegeScholarships.com**
- *Find a scholarship; includes a blog on financial aid and college survival*
  - [www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com)

**College-Scholarships.com**
- *101 TOP College, University, and Scholarship Web Pages*
  - [www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm](http://www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm)
**PUBLICATIONS ON THE WEB ABOUT FINANCIAL AID:**

Funding Your Education: The Guide to Federal Student Aid 2012-13  
*by the US Department of Education*  
studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/12-13_Guide.pdf

Counselor and Mentor’s Handbook on Federal Student Aid  
*by the US Department of Education*  

**DISABILITY RELATED FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

College Funding for Students with Disabilities  
*by DO-IT, University of Washington*  
www.washington.edu/doit/Brochures/Academics/financial-aid.html

Examples of Scholarships  
*by National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange*  
*emphasizes resources for students interested in international studies*  
www.miusa.org/ncde/financialaid/scholarshiplist/?searchterm=Scholarships

**HEATH Resource Center**
Financial Aid Information 2009-10  
www.heath.gwu.edu/assets/30/heath_2009_2010_financial_aid_information.pdf

HEATH Resource Center Online National Clearinghouse on Post Secondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities  
www.heath.gwu.edu

Proyecto Vision - Scholarship Search Links for Youth with Disabilities  
*(emphasizes opportunities for bilingual students)*  
www.proyectovision.net/english/resources/scholarshipsearch.html

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES:**

Financial Aid Overview  
*from the US Department of Education*  
www2.ed.gov/finaid/landing.jhtml

Career Resource Library  
*(state by state listing of financial aid and scholarship programs)*  

Education Resources for People with Disabilities  
www.disability.gov/education
Please Note: All Scholarship and Grant Deadlines listed below are for 2013.

**AMPUTEES**

Amputee Coalition of America
900 East Hill Avenue, Suite 290
Knoxville, TN 37915
888-267-5669
Eligibility: A full-time undergraduate student who has a congenital limb difference or an amputation and who is, or whose parent or legal guardian is, a registered friend of the Amputee Coalition.
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: 1
Deadline: April 8
www.amputee-coalition.org/events-programs/scholarships

The National Amputation Foundation
The Claude S. Weiler Scholarship
40 Church Street
Malverne NY 11565
Attn: Weiler Scholarship Coordinator
516-887-3600
516-887-3667 (fax)
amps76@aol.com
Eligibility: College students with a major limb amputation, who will be attending an accredited university as a full time student.
Award: $500
Number Awarded: 6
Deadline: August 31
www.nationalamputation.org/scholar1.html

The National Amputee Golf Association Scholarship
Grant Program
701 Orkney Court
Smyrna, TN 37167-6395
800-633-NAGA (6242)1111111
info@nagagolf.org
Eligibility: Members or dependents of the National Amputee Golf Association pursuing an undergraduate or two year vocational/technical degree. Applicant must demonstrate need for financial assistance.
Award: Up to $2,000 per year for up to 4 years
Number Awarded: 1 or more
Deadline: July
www.nagagolf.org/scholarship1.shtml

**ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER**

Shire ADHD Scholarship Program
725 Chesterbrook Boulevard
Wayne, PA 19087-5637
855-474-4732
Eligibility: US citizens accepted to or attending an approved college, university, vocational, or technical school as an undergraduate student that has been diagnosed with ADHD and is under the care of a licensed health care professional for ADHD.
Award: $2,000 award and 1 year of ADHD coaching services
Number Awarded: 50
Deadline: March 27
www.ShireADHDScholarship.com
AUTISM

Organization for Autism Research (OAR)
Schwallie Family Scholarship Program and The Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship
2000 North 14th Street, Suite 710
Arlington, VA 22201
703-243-9710
Eligibility: qualified individuals with an autism diagnosis (DSM-IV or later criteria) residing in the United States and pursuing post-secondary education.
Award: $3,000
Number Awarded: Varies; 84 since 2008
Deadline: April 26

American Foundation for the Blind
1000 Fifth Avenue, Suite 350
Huntington, WV 25701
attn: Tara Annis
800-232-5463
tannis@afb.net
Eligibility: Legally blind students, supports post-secondary education
Award: Varies
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: April 30
Arts-Specific Information: The R.L. Gillette Scholarship offers scholarships of $1,000 each to women who are enrolled in a full-time four-year undergraduate degree program in literature or music.
www.afb.org/Section.asp?DocumentID=2962

Association of Blind Citizens Scholarship Program
PO Box 246
Holbrook, MA 02343
781-961-1023
scholarship@blindcitizens.org.
Eligibility: Legally blind individuals seeking a college degree
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: 3
Deadline: April 15
www.blindcitizens.org/abc_scholarship.htm

Blinded Veterans Association
Katherine F. Gruber Scholarship
477 H Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001-2694
202-371-8880
BVA@BVA.org
Eligibility: Children and spouses of blinded veterans
Award: $2,000
Number Awarded: 7
Deadline: April 20
www.bva.org/services.html (Click on “Programs” on the top navigation bar)
Arts-Specific Information: An additional $1,000 is available under the Thomas H. Miller Award, which emphasizes Music and Fine Arts.

BLIND

American Council of the Blind
2200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 650
Arlington, VA 22201-3354
202-467-5081
800-424-8666
703-465-5085 (fax)
info@acb.org
Eligibility: Legally blind students
Award: $1,000 to $2,500
Number Awarded: 20
Deadline: March 1
acb.org/node/148

Christian Record Services for the Blind
4444 South 52nd Street
P.O. Box 6097
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-488-0981
info@christianrecord.org
Eligibility: Legally blind students striving to obtain a college education.
Award: Varies
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: April 1
services.christianrecord.org/scholarships/index.php?sid=1a2gc4qh3kvvm3999ckdi0c2i7
The Jewish Guild for the Blind
GuildScholar Award
15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
800-284-4422
212-769-6266 (fax)
info@jgb.org
Eligibility: College-bound high school students at the end of their junior year who are legally blind.
Award: Varies; up to $15,000 each
Number Awarded: 12 to 16
Deadline: September 15
www.jgb.org/guildscholar.asp

National Federation of the Blind
Scholarships
200 East Wells Street at Jernigan Place
Baltimore, MD 21230
attn: Patti Chang, Esq.
410-659-9314, extension 2415
scholarships@nfb.org
Eligibility: Legally blind students pursuing or planning to pursue a full time, post-secondary course of study in a degree program at a United States institution. One scholarship may be given to a person employed full-time while attending school part-time.
Award: $3,000 to $12,000
Number Awarded: 30
Deadline: March 31
nfb.org/scholarship-program

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International
Affiliate of American Council of the Blind
2200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 650
Arlington, VA 22201-3354
800-733-2258
scholarship@cclvi.org
Eligibility: Full-time college students with low vision.
Award: $3,000
Number Awarded: 3-5
Deadline: March 1
www.cclvi.org/scholarship.htm

Lighthouse International
Scholarship and Career Awards
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022-1202
212-821-9277
sca@lighthouse.org
Eligibility: Legally blind students who are pursuing graduate and undergraduate studies.
Award: $10,000
Number Awarded: 7
Deadline: March 31
Arts-Specific Information: The Judy Van Nostrand Arts Award is given to someone already distinguished, or who shows exceptional promise, in a creative endeavor such as the visual arts, writing, music, graphic arts, etc.

Learning Ally Scholastic Achievement Awards (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic)
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
attn: Tara Goldberg
202-756-0423
TGoldberg@LearningAlly.org
Eligibility: Students who are blind or visually impaired who have received, or will be receiving their bachelor, master, or doctoral degree.
Award: $1,000 to $6,000
Number Awarded: 9
Deadline: March 15 (March 1 for Local Awards)
www.learningally.org/about-learning-ally/awards

National Federation of Music Clubs
1646 W Smith Valley Road
Greenwood, IN 46142
317-882-4003
317-882-4019 (fax)
info@nfmc-music.org
Eligibility: Blind instrumentalist or vocalists
Award: $200 to $800
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: Varies
Special Instructions: Check the Composition and Awards list on the website for numerous awards specifically for blind and visually impaired musicians. Some may require an entry fee.
Deadline: Varies
www.nfmc-music.org (Go to bottom navigation and click on “Competitions & Awards”)

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
1703 North Beauregard Street, Suite 440
Alexandria, VA 22311
703-671-4500
Eligibility: Legally blind students accepted for study towards a career in service to blind and visually impaired people.
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: February 15
www.aerbvi.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=229

Hampton, VA 23666
800-532-5274
757-873-8999 (fax)
help@patientadvocate.org
Eligibility: Individuals under 25 who have been diagnosed with or treated for cancer and/or a chronic life threatening disease within the past five years.
Award: Varies
Number Awarded: Varies; 11 in 2012-13
Deadline: March 29
www.patientadvocate.org/events.php?p=69

Rexanna's Foundation for Fighting Lung Cancer
P.O. Box 328
Mansfield, TX 76063
Eligibility: High school seniors who have personally been impacted by cancer (or had a form of cancer) who have been accepted to an accredited US college or university.
Award: $500
Number Awarded: Varies; 22 in 2010
Deadline: April 15

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults
921 East Fort Avenue, Suite 325
Baltimore, MD 21230
Attn: Scholarship
888-393-FUND (3863)
scholarship@ulmanfund.org
Eligibility: Several scholarships for students who were treated for cancer or were impacted by family members being treated by cancer.
Award: $2,500 over two semesters
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: April 1
www.ulmanfund.org/scholarship.aspx
rexannasfoundation.org/scholarship

Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation
1555 Sherman Avenue, #116
Evanston, IL 60201
847-328-0127
mkbcfsf@aol.com
Eligibility: Young adults with Cystic Fibrosis to further their education at a college or vocational school.
Award: Generally $1,000; multi-year scholarships also available
Number Awarded: Varies; 19 multi-year awards in 2012-13; 33 single year awards in 2012-13
Deadline: March 18
www.cfscholarship.org

CANCER
Patient Advocate Foundation
PAF Scholarships for Survivors
421 Butler Farm Road

Cystic Fibrosis
Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation
1555 Sherman Avenue, #116
Evanston, IL 60201
847-328-0127
mkbcfsf@aol.com
Eligibility: Young adults with Cystic Fibrosis to further their education at a college or vocational school.
Award: Generally $1,000; multi-year scholarships also available
Number Awarded: Varies; 19 multi-year awards in 2012-13; 33 single year awards in 2012-13
Deadline: March 18
www.cfscholarship.org
Elizabeth Nash Foundation
P.O. Box 1260
Los Gatos, CA 95031-1260
scholarships@elizabethnashfoundation.org
Eligibility: US citizens with Cystic Fibrosis who are incoming or current undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited US college or university.
Award: $1,000 to $2,500
Number Awarded: Varies; 16 in 2012-13
Deadline: April 1
www.elizabethnashfoundation.org/scholarshipprogram.html

DEAF

Alexander Graham Bell Association
Scholarship Program
Wendy Will – PMB 178
1221 Flower Mound Road, Suite 320
Flower Mound, TX 75028
202-337-5220 (Voice/TTY)
info@agbell.org
Eligibility: Full-time students who are deaf or hard of hearing, use listening and spoken language, and who are pursuing a bachelors, masters, or doctorate (not law) degree at an accredited mainstream college or university.
Award: $1,000 to $10,000

Bridges (formerly the League for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the EAR Foundation)
415 Fourth Avenue South, Suite A
Nashville, TN 37201
615-248-8828 (Voice/TTY)
615-290-5147 (Video Phone TN)
866-385-6524 (Video Phone toll-free)
Eligibility: High school seniors with a severe to profound bilateral hearing loss who have been accepted to an accredited four-year college or university in the United States.
Award: $1,000 per year for 4 years, maximum of $4,000 per person
Number Awarded: 2
Deadline: March 15
Contact: Kate Haygood kh@hearingbridges.org
www.hearingbridges.org/scholarships

Sertoma Scholarships
1912 East Meyer Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64132
816-333-8300
infosertoma@sertomahq.org
Eligibility: Students with clinically significant bilateral hearing loss, graduating from high school, or undergraduate students pursuing four-year college degrees in any discipline.
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: Varies; 90 in 2011-12
Deadline: May 1
Contact: Laura Hanavan lhanavan@sertomahq.org
www.sertoma.org/scholarships

EPILEPSY

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program
c/o Summit Medical Communications
1421 East Broad Street, Suite 340
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
866-825-1920
UCBEpilepsyScholarship@summitmedcomm.com
Eligibility: Epilepsy patients, family members or caregivers for those pursuing
undergraduate and graduate degrees. Amount: $5,000 Number Awarded: 25 Deadline: May 15
www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com

Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri & Kansas
The Tony and Jan Viessman Memorial Scholarship
c/o Julie Viessman MacCash
10698 Lakemont Drive
Rolla, MO 65401
Eligibility: Under a doctor’s care for epilepsy or the caretaker for someone living with epilepsy who is pursuing technical college, junior college, a four-year college, university or graduate school.
Award: $1,000 Number Awarded: Check website Deadline: March 30

LEARNING DISABILITIES
National Center for Learning Disabilities
Anne Ford Scholarship
381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401
New York, NY 10016-8806
888-575-7373
212-545-7510
212-545-9665 (fax)
afscholarship@ncld.org
Eligibility: Be a graduating high school senior who will be attending a two-year community college, a vocational/technical training program, or specialized program for students with LD.
Award: $2,500 Number Awarded: 1 Deadline: December 31
www.ncld.org/about-us/scholarships-aamp-awards

P. Buckley Moss Foundation
Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship
74 Poplar Grove Lane
Mathews, VA 23109
540-932-1728
800-430-1320
society@mosssociety.org
Eligibility: Graduating high school senior with a certified language-related learning difference who is pursuing post-secondary education.
Award: $1,500, potentially renewable for 3 more years
Number Awarded: 1
Deadline: March 31
www.mosssociety.org/page.php?id=30

P. Buckley Moss Foundation
P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship
74 Poplar Grove Lane
Mathews, VA 23109
540-932-1728
800-430-1320
society@mosssociety.org
Eligibility: Graduating high school senior with a verified language-related learning disability with visual arts talent who intends to pursue a career in the visual arts field. Applicant must be accepted into an accredited four-year or two-year college or university.
Award: $1,500, potentially renewable for 3 more years
Number Awarded: 1 or more
Deadline: March 31
www.lda-ia.org/Scholarships.asp

Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa
5665 Greendale Road, Suite D
Johnston, IA 50131
515-280-8558
Eligibility: Student with learning disabilities pursuing a post-secondary education at an accredited institution that provides a college program or vocational training.
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: 3
Deadline: March 31
www.mosssociety.org/page.php?id=69

The RiSE Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
(online only – see the weblink below)
risescholarshipfoundation.org
Eligibility: Current high school student or college bound senior with a documented learning disability who is actively applying to an accredited college or university.
Award: $2,500
Number Awarded: 5
Deadline: February 15
info@risescholarshipfoundation.org

MENTAL ILLNESS

The Center for Reintegration
Lilly Reintegration Scholarship
347 West 37th Street
New York, NY 10018
800-809-8202
lillyscholarships@reintegration.com
Eligibility: Diagnosed and treated for bipolar, schizophrenia, schizophreniform, or schizo-affective disorder.
Award: Varies
Number Awarded: Varies; 70 given 2007-08
Deadline: Check website
www.reintegration.com/resources/scholarships/apply.asp

Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic)
Marion Huber Learning Through Listening Award
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
attn: Tara Goldberg
202-756-0423
T Goldberg@LearningAlly.org
Eligibility: High school seniors with learning disabilities who are members of the Learning Ally.
Award: $2,000 to $6,000
Number Awarded: 6
Deadline: March 15
www.learningally.org/about-learning-ally/awards
Multiple Sclerosis

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholarship Program
733 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10017
800-344-4867
Eligibility: High school seniors and High school (or GED) graduates who have MS or have parents with MS. Must be planning to attend an accredited post secondary school for the first time.
Award: $1,000 to $3,000
Number Awarded: Varies; 646 in 2012
Deadline: January 15

Wheelchair Users

ChairScholars Foundation
16101 Carencia Lane
Odessa, FL 33556-3278
813-926-0544
888-926-0544
813-920-7661 (fax)
info@chairscholars.org
Eligibility: College level freshman or sophomore wheelchair user with significant financial need. Selection is based upon GPA and community service.
Award: $1,000 to $5,000 per year for each college year to a maximum of $20,000 total
Number Awarded: 15-20
Deadline: February 15
chairscholars.org/scholarships.html

American Association on Health and Disability
110 North Washington Street, Suite 328-J
Rockville, MD 20850
301-545-6140
301-545-6144 (fax)
scholarship@aahd.us
Eligibility: Students with disabilities who are pursuing higher education. Preference is given to students who plan to pursue undergraduate/graduate studies in the field of public health, health promotion, disability studies, disability policy, and disability research.
Award: Varies; up to $1,000
Number Awarded: Varies; 1-2
Deadline: November 15
www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program

National Future Farmers of America (FAA) Organization
PO Box 68960
Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960
Attn: Scholarship Office, B.R.I.D.G.E. Scholarship
703-360-3600
scholarships@faa.org
Award: $1,000 to $2,000; $5,000
B.R.I.D.G.E. Scholarship
Number Awarded: Varies; over 1,000 available
Deadline: February 15
www.ffa.org/Programs/GrantsAndScholarships/Pages/default.aspx

Military VA Loan Disability Awareness Scholarship
200 112th Avenue NE, Suite 205
Bellevue, WA 98004
888-516-9990
scholarship@MilitaryVALoan.com
Eligibility: Any person 17 years of age or older who is currently accepted to a college program but not yet started, or any current undergraduate or graduate student who is currently enrolled in
and attending an institution of higher education. 
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: 1
Deadline: January 10
www.militaryvaloan.com/disability-scholarships.html

Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) Foundation
363 West Drake Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526
970-223-2824
970-223-4456 (fax)
kathybloyd@gmail.com
Eligibility: Varies; The ESA Foundation administers over 100 endowments and awards scholarships. Some are disability specific, including cancer, epilepsy, and chronic illness.
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: February 1
www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/scholarships

Lime Connect, Inc.
Google Lime Scholarship
590 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10022
212-521-4469
212-521-4099 (fax)
Eligibility: Pursuing a computer science or computer engineering degree, or a degree in a closely related technical field.
Award: $5,000 to $10,000
Number Awarded: Varies; 15 awarded in 2012
Deadline: February 5
limeconnect.com/opportunities/page/google-lime-scholarship-program

Horatio Alger Association
99 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 320
Alexandria, VA 22314
866-763-9228
703-548-3822 (fax)
HoratioAlger@act.org
Award: $20,000
Number Awarded: 106
Eligibility: Full-time high school seniors, who overcame adversity, have a financial need, good academic record, and commitment to college education.
Deadline: October 25
Special Instructions: Check the website for scholarships on the state level and in Canada.
www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/index.cfm

Incight
310 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 630
Portland, OR 97204
Attn: Christine Getman, Education Program Coordinator
971-244-0305

National Federation of Music Clubs The NFMC Joyce Walsh Junior Awards
c/o Anita Blackmon
1101 South Ricky Road
Kennett MO 63857-3347
573-888-3998
abblackmon@att.net
Eligibility: Instrumentalists or vocalists with disabilities and a member of NFMC ages 12-18. $2 Entry fee.
Award: $700 to $2,000
Number Awarded: 7
Deadline: March 1
www.nfmc-music.org (Go to bottom of website and click on “Competitions & Awards”)
Paralyzed Veterans of America
801 Eighteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-3517
800-424-8200
800-795-4327 (TTY)
info@pva.org
Eligibility: Paralyzed Veterans of America members, spouses, or an unmarried child under 24 years of age who is dependent on the member for principal support.
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: 10 in 2012
Deadline: Check website
www.pva.org/site/c.ajIRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305559/k.FBA1/Scholarship_Program.htm

Foundation for Science and Disability
503 NW 89 St
Gainesville, FL 32607
352-374-5774
rmankin1@aim.com
Eligibility: Fourth year undergraduates (who are disabled and have been accepted to a graduate or professional school in the sciences) and graduate science students who have a disability.
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: December 1
stemd.org

Immune Deficiency Foundation
The Eric Marder Scholarship Program of IDF and The Varun Bhaskaran (WAS) Scholarship Program of IDF
40 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 308
Towson, MD 21204
800-296-4933
info@primaryimmune.org
Eligibility: The Eric Marder Scholarship is for undergraduate students attending or entering college or a technical training school with a Primary Immune Deficiency as classified by the World Health Organization. The Varun Bhaskaran Scholarship is for undergraduate or graduate students living with Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome (WAS).
Award: $750 to $2,000
Number Awarded: 43
Deadline: March 31
primaryimmune.org/patients-and-families/idf-scholarship-programs

VSA International Young Soloists Award Program
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20566
202-416-8898
202-416-8728 (TTY)
vsainfo@kennedy-center.org
Eligibility: Musicians ages 14-25 who have disabilities. $10 entry fee.
Award: $2,500
Number Awarded: 4 in 2012
Deadline: January 29
www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/programs/young_soloists.cfm

Spina Bifida Association
4590 MacArthur Boulevard NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20007
202-944-3285
800-621-3141
202-944-3295 (fax)
sbaa@sbaa.org
Eligibility: Students with Spina Bifida who are enrolled in or accepted by a four-year university, junior college, approved trade, vocational, or business school.
Award: $1,000
Number Awarded: Varies
Deadline: Check website
www.spinabifidaassociation.org/site/c.evKRI7OXloJ8H/b.8095317/k.9125/Scholarships.htm