

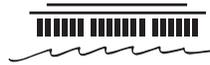
Accessibility TipSheet:

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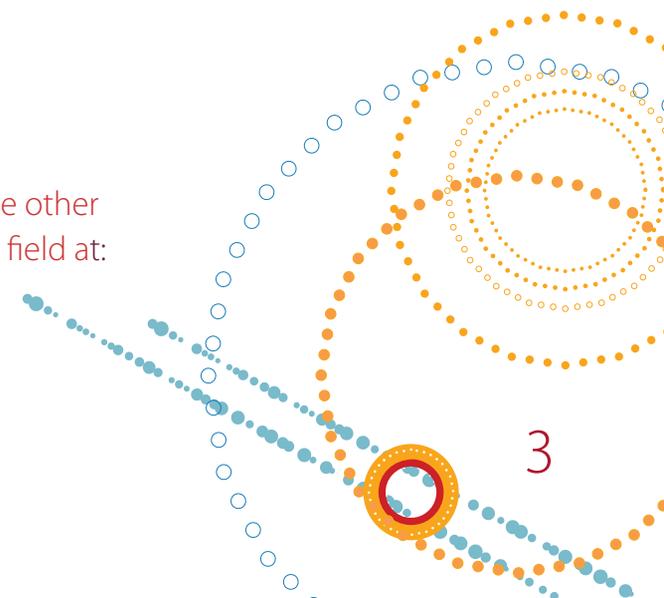
In today's world, developing your talents and skills is essential to obtaining employment in your chosen career. If you have chosen or feel driven to having a career as an artist, performer, arts administrator or arts educator you will keep developing your talents and skills during your entire lifetime.

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



As a person with a disability seeking a career in the creative industries whether it is as an artist, performer, administrator or educator there may be some unique challenges for you. For example, figuring out what school is going to be welcoming, what accommodations you might need and how to find the money to pay for those things.

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.

This list was compiled from many sources by the Office of VSA and Accessibility at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The introduction was originally written by Dale S. Brown, a well-known disability policy expert, and later adapted. This list is not meant to be all inclusive. Inclusion on this list does not imply an endorsement of the scholarships, resources, and websites.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID SOURCES:

Bigfuture

3 steps to financial aid

www.collegeboard.com/pay

Bigfuture

scholarship search

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

US News and World Report -

Paying for College

www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/dollars/dshome.htm

Fastweb

get personalized awards based on your profile

www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships

Scholarships.com

scholarship search and financial aid

www.scholarships.com

Scholarship Help

describes the process of finding and applying for scholarships

www.scholarshiphelp.org

FinAid

Student guide to financial aid information, advice, and tools

www.finaid.org

CollegeScholarships.com

Find a scholarship; includes a blog on financial aid and college survival

www.collegescholarships.com

College-Scholarships.com -

101 TOP College, University, and Scholarship Web Pages

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](http://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

www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/attachments/CMH11-12.pdf

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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)

[www.careerinfonet.org/crl/library.
aspx?LVL2=132&LVL3=n&LVL1=19&CATID=772&PostVal=2](http://www.careerinfonet.org/crl/library.aspx?LVL2=132&LVL3=n&LVL1=19&CATID=772&PostVal=2)

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](http://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

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

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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

www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp

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

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

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

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.



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

Eligibility: Legally blind students who are pursuing graduate and undergraduate studies.

sca@lighthouse.org

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.

www.lighthouse.org/services-and-assistance/scholarship-award-programs

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@nfmfc-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

CANCER

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

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

scholarship@rexannasfoundation.org
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

Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation
1555 Sherman Avenue, #116
Evanston, IL 60201
847-328-0127

mkbcsf@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

Number Awarded: Varies; 20 in 2012

Deadline: March 15

www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/Document.aspx?id=266

Arts-Specific Information: AG Bell offers an Arts and Science Award program that enables students in grades 1-12 to participate in after-school, weekend or summer programs focused on developing skills in arts and science.

For more information, go to: www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/Document.aspx?id=261

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

615-248-8828 ext. 21 info@

hearingbridges.org

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 Ihanavan@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
epilepsyfoundation.ning.com/profiles/blogs/the-tony-and-jan-viessman-memorial-scholarship

HYDROCEPHALUS

Hydrocephalus Association
4340 East West Highway, Suite 905
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-202-3811
888-598-3789

301-202-3813 (fax)
Eligibility: Applicants must have hydrocephalus and be planning to use the scholarship for an educational purpose such as a four-year or junior college, a high school post-graduate year to prepare for college, technical or trade school, an accredited employment-training program, or a post-graduate program.
Award: \$1,000
Number Awarded: 9 in 2012
Deadline: April 1
Contact: Karima Roumila Karima@hydroassoc.org
www.hydroassoc.org/hydrocephalus-education-and-support/hydrocephalus-scholarships

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@nclld.org
Eligibility: Be a graduating high school senior who will be attending a four-year bachelor's degree program.

Award: \$2,500 over 4 years
Number Awarded: 1
Deadline: December 31

**National Center for Learning Disabilities
Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship National Center for Learning Disabilities, Inc.**
381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401
New York, NY 10016-8806
888-575-7373
212-545-7510
212-545-9665 (fax)

afscholarship@nclld.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.nclld.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



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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.mosssociety.org/page.php?id=69

**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.lida-ia.org/Scholarships.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

TGoldberg@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

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

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

www.nationalmssociety.org/living-with-multiple-sclerosis/society-programs-and-services/scholarship/2012-scholars/index.aspx

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

Eligibility: FFA members with disabilities

www.ffa.org/documents/sch_guidebook.pdf

B.R.I.D.G.E. Endowment Fund Scholarship especially for those with disabilities.

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.militaryvalloan.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

chrsitine@incight.org

jennifer@incight.org

Eligibility: Students with any disability attending any post-secondary school in the United States.

Award: \$500 to \$2,500

Number Awarded: up to 200

Deadline: March 15

www.incighteducation.org/scholarship

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.ajlRK9NJLcJ2E/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.evKRI7OXIoJ8H/b.8095317/k.9125/Scholarships.htm





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