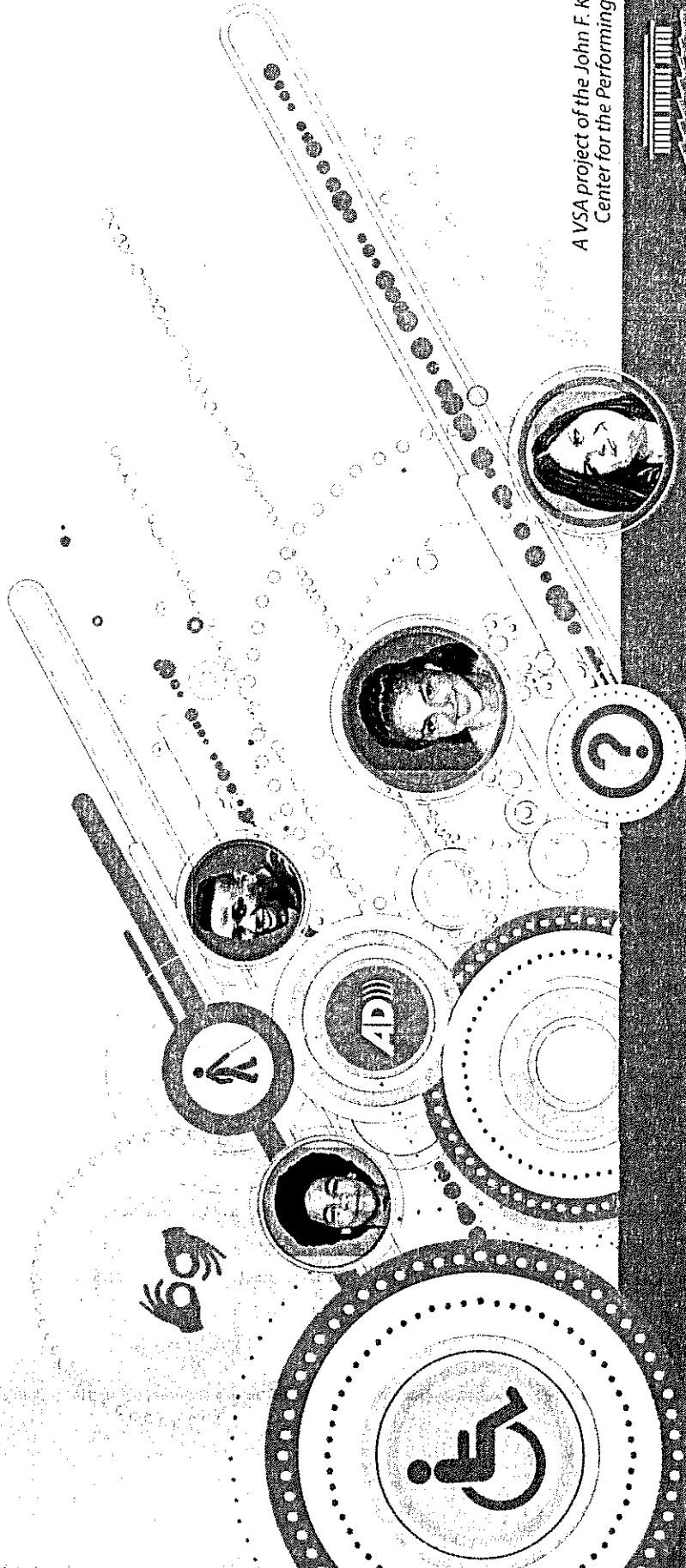


# Accessibility TipSheet: SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



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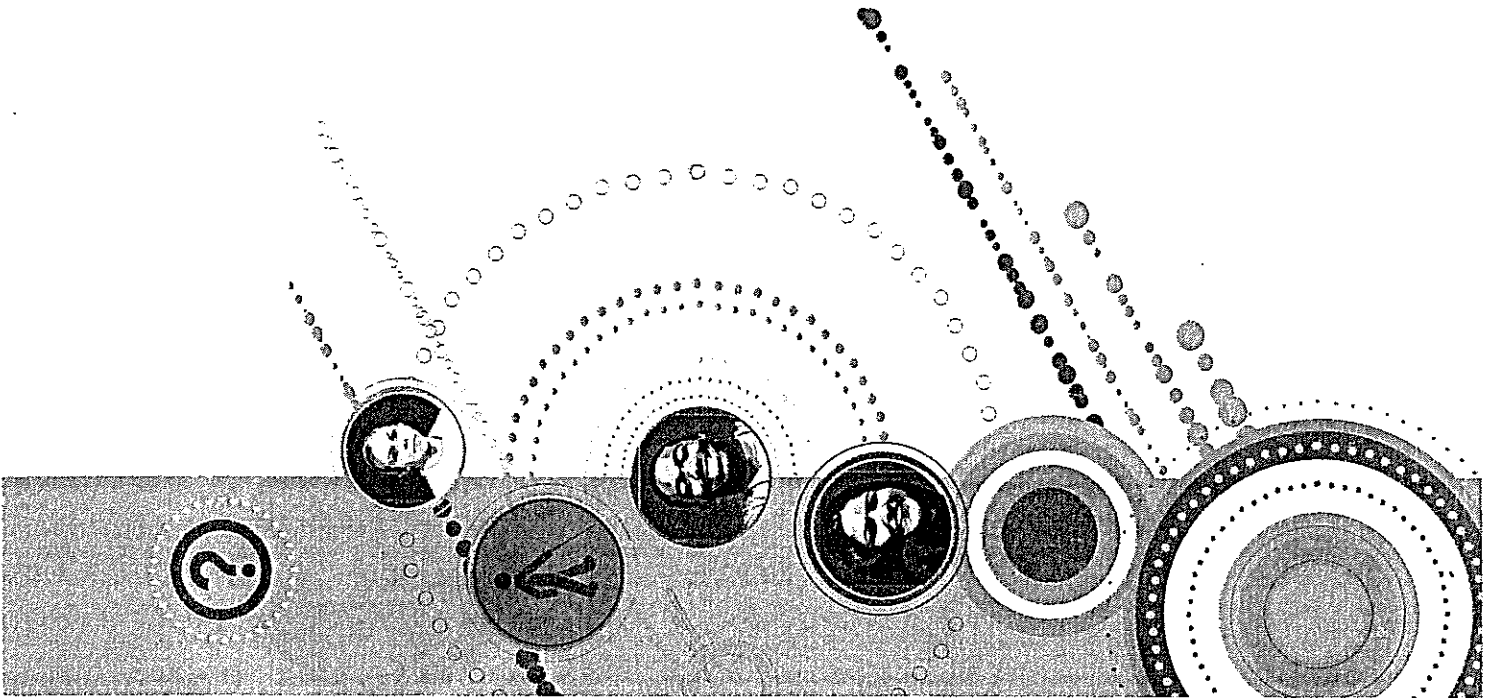
TipSheets are produced by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to offer resources, guidance and examples of best practices on a variety of different accessibility to the cultural arts related issues. This TipSheet is part of a series intended to be used by students, their families, their 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](mailto:access@kennedy-center.org)

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**I**n 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

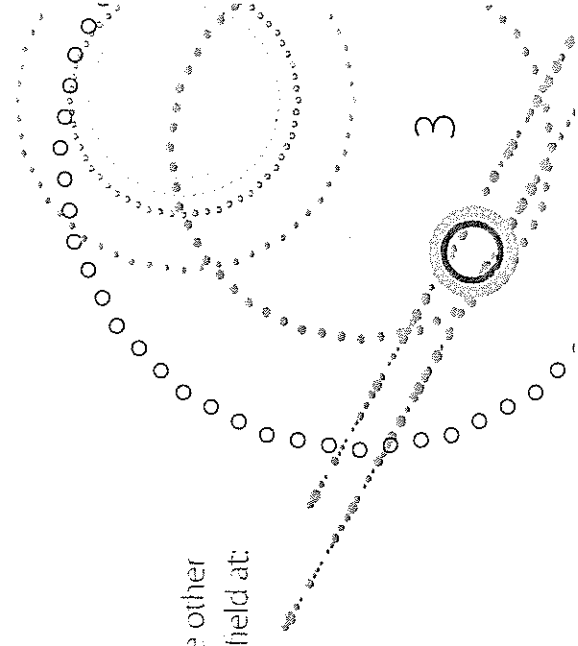
simultaneously enjoying the fun of discovering new ways to express your talent and creativity.

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](http://www.artsworkindiana.org/index.php?pageid=170)



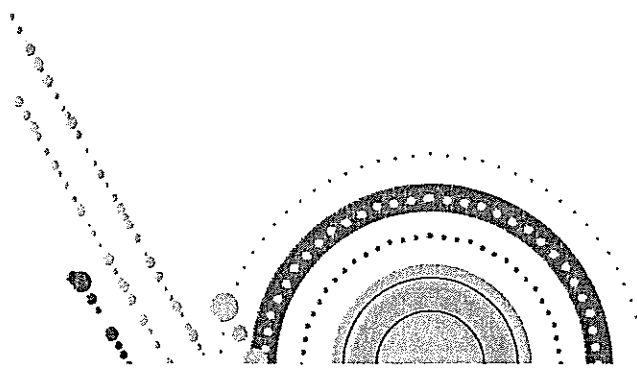
As a person with a disability seeking a career in the creative industries whether it is as an artist, performer, administrator or educator there may be some unique challenges for you. For example, figuring out what school is going to be welcoming, what accommodations you might need and how to find the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



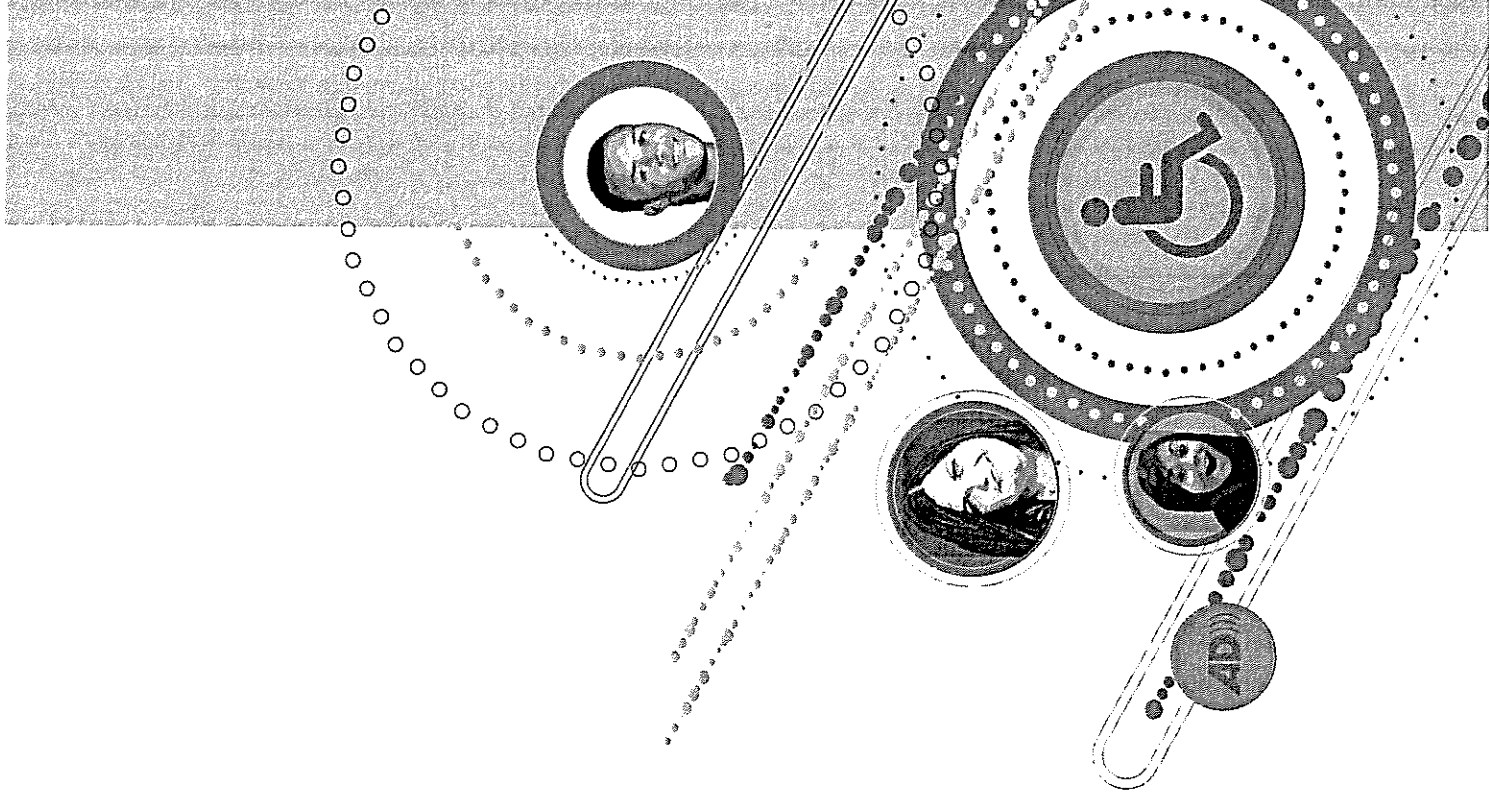
others, it may make an excellent essay. The way that you confronted challenges related to aspects of your disability can demonstrate how you solve problems and work hard.

- 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](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**

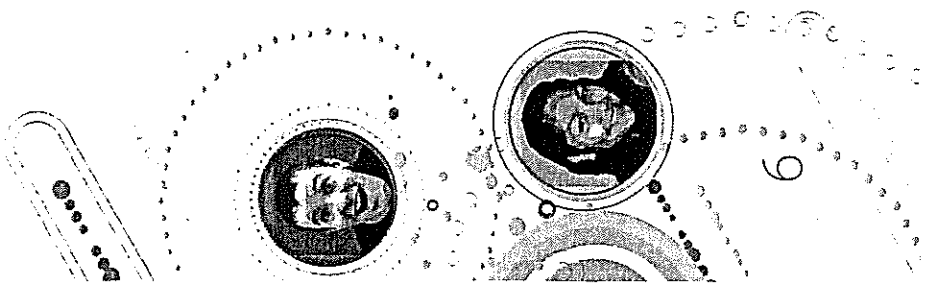
*Find a scholarship; includes a blog on financial aid and college survival*

[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](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.isa4.counselors.ed.gov/cic/attachments/CMH11-12.pdf](http://www.isa4.counselors.ed.gov/cic/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/doi/Brochures/Academics/financial-aid.html](http://www.washington.edu/doi/Brochures/Academics/financial-aid.html)

**Examples of Scholarships**

*by National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange*

*emphasizes resources for students interested in*

*international studies*

[www.mitusa.org/nucle/financialaid/scholarshiplist/?searchterm=Scholarships](http://www.mitusa.org/nucle/financialaid/scholarshiplist/?searchterm=Scholarships)

**HEATH Resource Center**

**Financial Aid Information 2009-10**

[www.health.gwu.edu/assets/30/health\\_2009\\_2010\\_financial\\_aid\\_information.pdf](http://www.health.gwu.edu/assets/30/health_2009_2010_financial_aid_information.pdf)

**HEATH Resource Center Online National**

**Clearinghouse on Post Secondary Education for  
Individuals with Disabilities**

[www.health.gwu.edu](http://www.health.gwu.edu)

**Proyecto Vision -**

**Scholarship Search Links for Youth with Disabilities**

*(emphasizes opportunities for bilingual students*

[www.projectvision.net/english/resources/scholarshipsearch.html](http://www.projectvision.net/english/resources/scholarshipsearch.html)

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES:**

**Financial Aid Overview**

*from the US Department of Education*

[www2.ed.gov/financialaid/landing.jhtml](http://www2.ed.gov/financialaid/landing.jhtml)

**Career Resource Library**

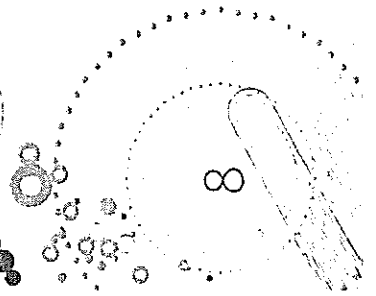
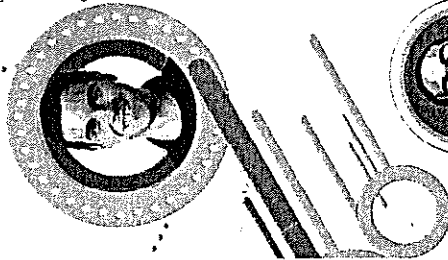
*(state by state listing of financial aid and scholarship programs)*

[www.careerinfonet.org/crl/library](http://www.careerinfonet.org/crl/library)

[asp.x2.vl.2=132&VL3=n&VL1=19&CAID=772&PostVal=2](http://asp.x2.vl.2=132&VL3=n&VL1=19&CAID=772&PostVal=2)

**Education Resources for People with Disabilities**

[www.disability.gov/education](http://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](mailto: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/scholarship1.html](http://nationalamputation.org/scholarship1.html)

### The National Amputee Golf Association Scholarship Grant Program

701 Orkney Court

Smyrna, TN 37167-6395

800-633-NAGA (6242)111111

[info@nagagolf.org](mailto: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](http://www.nagagolf.org/scholarship1.shtml)

## ATTENTION DEAF/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](http://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

[www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp](http://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](mailto:info@acb.org)

Eligibility: Legally blind students

Award: \$1,000 to \$2,500

Number Awarded: 20

Deadline: March 1

[acb.org/node/148](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?DocumentID=2962)

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### Association of Blind Citizens

#### Scholarship Program

PO Box 246

Holbrook, MA 02343

781-961-1023

[scholarship@blindcitizens.org](mailto:scholarship@blindcitizens.org).

Eligibility: Legally blind individuals

seeking a college degree

Award: \$1,000

Number Awarded: 3

Deadline: April 15

[www.blindcitizens.org/](http://www.blindcitizens.org/abc_scholarship.htm)

[abc\\_scholarship.htm](http://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](mailto:info@christianrecord.org)

Eligibility: Legally blind students striving

to obtain a college education.

Award: Varies

Number Awarded: Varies

Deadline: April 1

[services.christianrecord.](http://services.christianrecord.org/scholarships/index.php?sid=1a2qc4qh3kvvm3999ckd10c217)

[org/scholarships/index.](http://services.christianrecord.org/scholarships/index.php?sid=1a2qc4qh3kvvm3999ckd10c217)

[php?sid=1a2qc4qh3kvvm3999ckd10c217](http://services.christianrecord.org/scholarships/index.php?sid=1a2qc4qh3kvvm3999ckd10c217)

### Blinded Veterans Association

Katherine F. Gruber Scholarship

477 H Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20001-2694

202-371-8880

[BVA@BVA.org](mailto:BVA@BVA.org)

Eligibility: Children and spouses of

blinded veterans

Award: \$2,000

Number Awarded: 7

Deadline: April 20

[www.bva.org/services.html](http://www.bva.org/services.html) (Click on

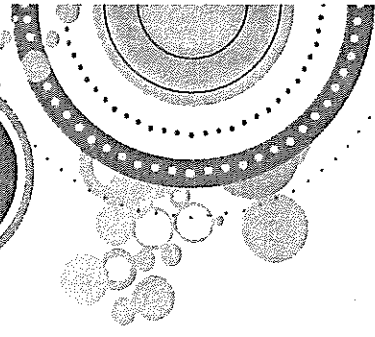
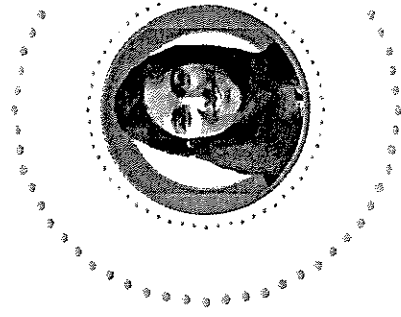
"Programs" on the top navigation bar)

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.

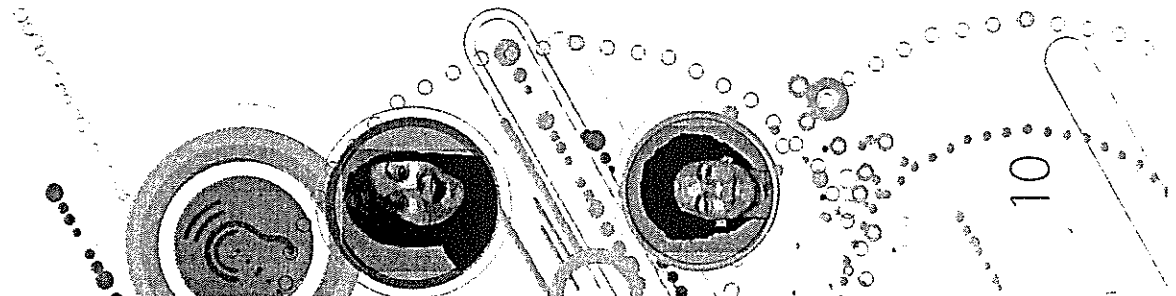
www.lighthouse.org/services\_and\_assistance/scholarship-award-programs

### **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@nfmcmusic.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](http://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/rmodules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=229](http://www.aerbvi.org/rmodules.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](mailto: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](http://www.patientadvocate.org/events.php?p=69)

### **Rexanna's Foundation for Fighting Lung Cancer**

P.O. Box 328  
Mansfield, TX 76063

[scholarship@rexannasfoundation.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ulmanfund.org/scholarship.aspx)  
[rexannasfoundation.org/scholarship](http://rexannasfoundation.org/scholarship)

### **CYSTIC FIBROSIS**

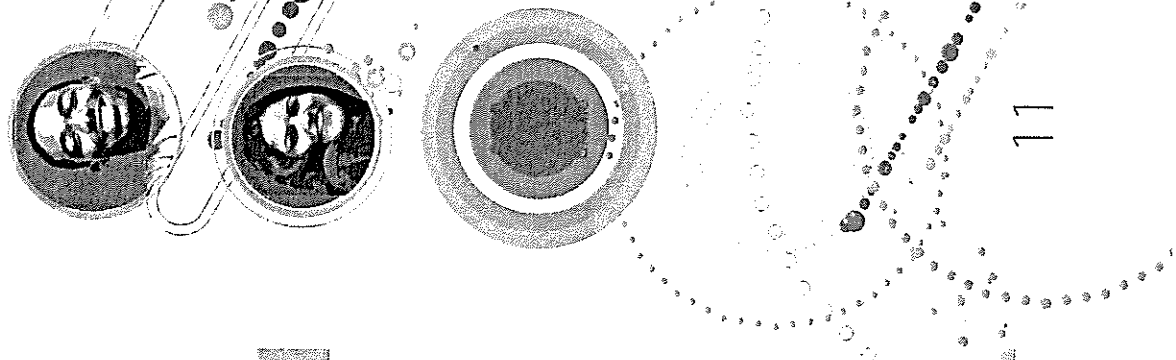
### **Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation**

1555 Sherman Avenue, #116  
Evanston, IL 60201  
847-328-0127

[mkbcf@aol.com](mailto:mkbcf@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](http://www.cfscholarship.org)



### **Elizabeth Nash Foundation**

**P.O. Box 1260**

**Los Gatos, CA 95031-1260**

[scholarships@elizabethnashfoundation.org](mailto: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](http://www.elizabethnashfoundation.org/scholarshipprogram.html)



### **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](mailto: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](http://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.](http://www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/document.aspx?id=261)

[www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/](http://www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/document.aspx?id=261)

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### **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 [kate@hearingbridges.org](mailto:kate@hearingbridges.org)

[hearingbridges.org](http://hearingbridges.org)

**615-248-8828 ext. 21** [info@](mailto:info@hearingbridges.org)

[hearingbridges.org](http://hearingbridges.org)

[hearingbridges.org/scholarships](http://hearingbridges.org/scholarships)

### **Sertoma Scholarships**

**1912 East Meyer Boulevard**

**Kansas City, MO 64132**

**816-333-8300**

[infosertoma@sertomahq.org](mailto: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 [lhavanan@](mailto:lhavanan@sertomahq.org)

[sertomahq.org](http://sertomahq.org)

[www.sertoma.org/scholarships](http://www.sertoma.org/scholarships)



### **UCB Family Epilepsy**

**Scholarship Program**

**c/o Summit Medical Communications**

**1421 East Broad Street, Suite 340**

**Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526**

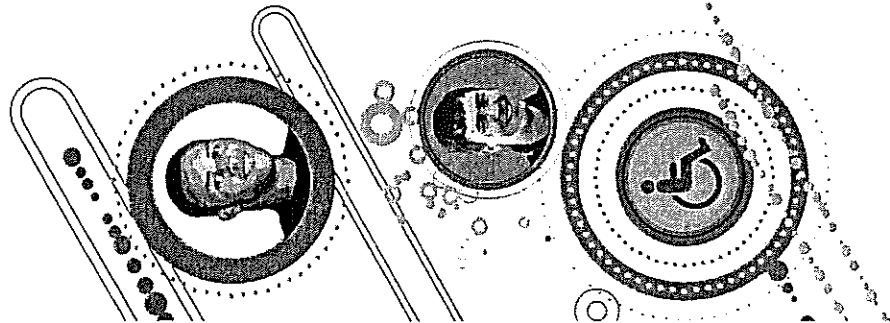
**866-825-1920**

[UCBEpilepsyScholarship@](mailto:UCBEpilepsyScholarship@summitmedcomm.com)

[summitmedcomm.com](http://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](http://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.org/profiles/blogs/the-tony-and-jan-viessman-memorial-scholarship](http://epilepsyfoundation.org/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/](http://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@ncld.org](mailto:afscholarship@ncld.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)**

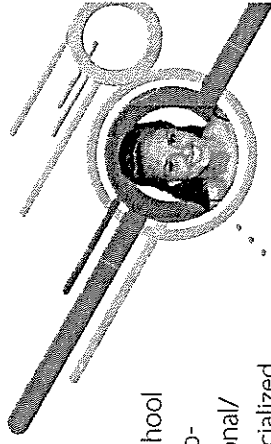
[afscholarship@ncld.org](mailto:afscholarship@ncld.org)

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](http://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@mossociety.org](mailto:society@mossociety.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.mossociety.org/page.php?id=30](http://www.mossociety.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@mossociety.org](mailto:society@mossociety.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.mossociety.org/page.php?id=69](http://www.mossociety.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.lda-ia.org/Scholarships.asp](http://www.lda-ia.org/Scholarships.asp)

**Learning Ally (formerly Recording  
for the Blind and Dyslexic)  
Marion Huber Learning Through  
Listening Award**

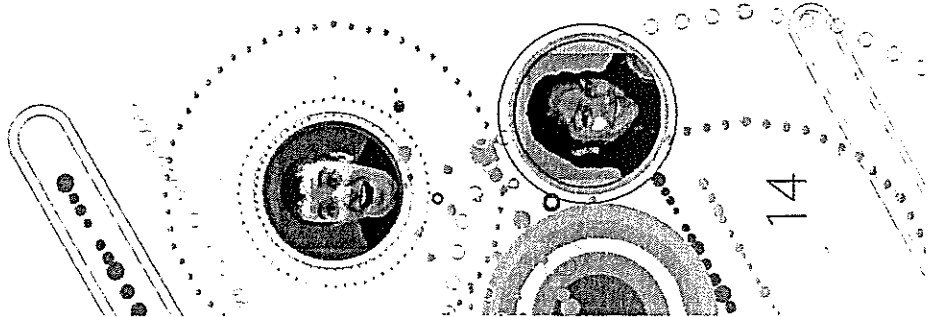
20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
attn: Tara Goldberg  
202-756-0423  
[TGoldberg@LearningAlly.org](mailto:TGoldberg@LearningAlly.org)  
Eligibility: High school seniors with learning disabilities who are members of the Learning Ally.  
Award: \$2,000 to \$6,000  
Number Awarded: 6  
Deadline: March 15  
[www.learningally.org/about-learning-ally/awards](http://www.learningally.org/about-learning-ally/awards)

The RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (online only – see the weblink below) [risescholarshipfoundation.org](http://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](mailto:info@risescholarshipfoundation.org)



**The Center for Reintegration**

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

Eligibility: FFA members with disabilities

[www.ffa.org/documents/sch\\_guidebook.pdf](http://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#](http://www.ffa.org/Programs/GrantsAndScholarships/Pages/default.aspx#)

### Military VA Loan

### Disability Awareness Scholarship

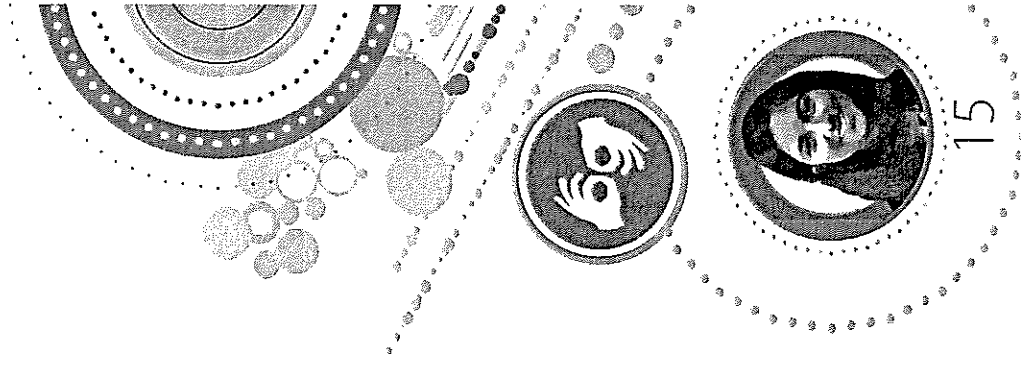
200 112th Avenue NE, Suite 205

Bellevue, WA 98004

888-516-9990

[scholarship@MilitaryVALoan.com](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

[christine@incight.org](mailto:christine@incight.org)

[jennifer@incight.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:abblackmon@att.net)

Eligibility: Instrumentalists or vocalists with disabilities and a member of NFMC ages 12-18. \$2 Entry fee.

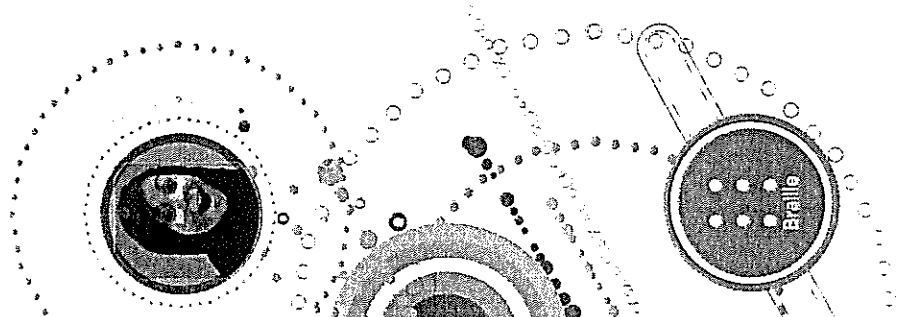
Award: \$700 to \$2,000

Number Awarded: 7

Deadline: March 1

[www.nfmc-music.org](http://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.aajlRk9NULcJ2E/](http://www.pva.org/site/c.aajlRk9NULcJ2E/)

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

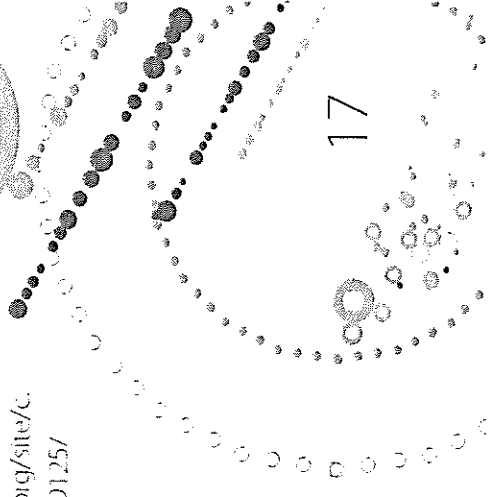
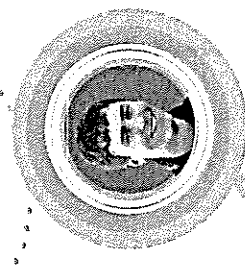
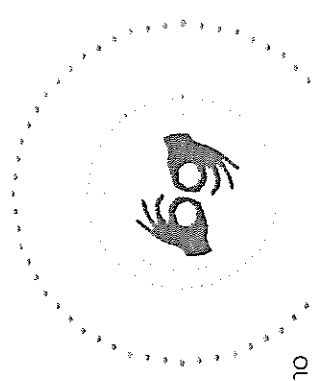
Award: \$1,000

Number Awarded: Varies

Deadline: Check website

[www.spinabifidaassociation.org/site/c.evKRI7OXIoJSH/h.8095317/k.9125/](http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org/site/c.evKRI7OXIoJSH/h.8095317/k.9125/)

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