

Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources:

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THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S FEDERAL STUDENT AID WEBSITE

The Department of Education's Federal Student Aid website offers information and tools to help consumers select a school, apply for aid, and locate federal student loans. A fact sheet on "Tips for Paying for College," provides suggestions to make filing a FAFSA easier. The fact sheet is available at www.ed.gov/students/college/aid/paying.html. The website can be found at <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/>.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS FOR STUDENTS OF PARENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Through the Looking Glass will award students of parents with disabilities two separate scholarship awards: one for graduating high school seniors who will be attending college, and one for currently enrolled college students. For more information go to <http://lookingglass.org/scholarships/index.php>.

Application annual deadline: March

FAMILY RA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Family RA Scholarship Program will offer 30 one-time scholarships of up to \$10,000 each in 2009 each to students living beyond the boundaries of rheumatoid arthritis. For more information go to:

<http://www.reachbeyondra.com/scholarship/>.

Application annual deadline: March

ANNE & MATT HARBISON SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to one high school senior with a certified language-related learning difference who is pursuing post-secondary education. It is renewable for up to three additional, consecutive years. For more information go to: <http://www.mosssociety.org/page.php?id=30>.

Application annual deadline: March

AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

CVS/All Kids Can Scholars Program, provides scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to a qualified individual with autism to be applied toward the completion of an accredited, postsecondary educational or vocational program of study (e.g., college, trade school, etc.). For more information go to http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename-asa_awards.

Application annual deadline: March

THE JOSHUA O'NEILL AND ZESHAN TABANI ENRICHMENT FUND

The Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund seeks to offer financial assistance to young adults with Down syndrome who wish to enrich their lives by enrolling in postsecondary programs or taking classes that will help them gain employment, independent living skills, life skills, or others. Up to five grants will be awarded, each grant not to exceed \$1000, and the grant may be used to pay for the tuition for a course or postsecondary program at a local college, educational institution, learning center or employment training program. For more information go to:

http://www.ndss.org/index.php?view=article&catid=55%3Aself-advocate-resource-&id=162%3Ajoztet&tmpl=component&print=1&page=&option=com_content.

PROJECT VISION

Project Vision lists dozens of scholarships available specifically for students with disabilities, including nearly 50 that have their application deadlines in March, April, and May. Learn more about them at: <http://www.proyectovision.net/english/opportunities/scholarships.html>.

FINANCIAL AID ON DISABILITYINFO.GOV

This website includes links to scholarship applications for students with various disabilities for graduate and undergraduate as well as vocational studies. For more information go to: <http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=84>.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

Looking for scholarships for Latino students? For students formerly in foster care? Scholarships offered by the Federal Government? Then visit the web site of the National Scholarship Providers Association (NSPA). One new NPSA product, the Scholarship Data Standard, allows students to complete an online scholarship application and then re-use the information with other scholarship providers without retyping their data. These and other documents can be found on the NSPA website at: <http://www.scholarshipproviders.org>. <http://www.scholarshipproviders.org>

MICHIGAN STATE LIBRARY OF FINANCIAL AID

Michigan State's comprehensive list of financial aid resources for students with disabilities can be found at: <http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3disable.htm>

SCHOLARSHIPS4STUDENTS.COM

Includes a list of scholarships for students with disabilities, by disability category. To access their list, visit: http://www.scholarships4students.com/special_scholarships.htm.

WASHINGTON CENTER FOR INTERNSHIPS AND ACADEMIC SEMINARS

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is pleased to announce it will continue to help increase scholarship opportunities for students with disabilities. The Washington Center will complement students' professional experience with solid academic training for credit from highly qualified instructors. In addition, students will be exposed to community, national and international leaders through workshops, seminars, lectures, embassy visits and networking events held throughout the course of each semester. Applications are available at: http://www.twc.edu/students/how_to_apply.shtml.

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