Undergraduate Scholarships

California Lutheran University does not control these funds. We try to keep the information updated, but occasionally some of the information may change. Funding resources may change their requirements and deadlines. For more information and for current deadlines, contact the funding resource directly.

How to Find Scholarships

The College Scholarship Guide
Created by The Simple Dollar- “One resource we prepared to help high school and college students save money on tuition is The College Scholarship Guide. Not only does this resource provide actionable tips on applying to scholarships, but it also helps students realize how accessible and truly valuable getting a scholarship can be.”
Website: https://www.thesimpledollar.com/financial-wellness/college-scholarship-guide/

Money Geek
MoneyGeek.com aims to help students make smarter financial decisions for their lifestyle. Living with a disability can alter a person's lifestyle drastically, which is why our team has been working hard to build a helpful set of easy-to-use resources for students with disabilities. These guides include information about: scholarships and financial aid for students and understanding ADA laws and rights of workers.
Website: https://www.moneygeek.com/careers/resources/workers-with-disabilities-and-ada/
https://www.moneygeek.com/financial-planning/paying-for-college/scholarship-resources/students-with-disabilities/

Accredited College
A free online resource about scholarship stuff. “Research and create a comprehensive database containing every major online college program from accredited colleges in the United States. We’ve placed a particular emphasis on resources that could be useful to students with disabilities, including but not limited to the coverage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.” “It is available for anyone, there are no involved costs, and it will be updated yearly.
Website: https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/best-accredited-colleges-schools-for-students-with-disabilities/

Non Disability Specific Scholarships:
College Board
College Board provides an opportunity for students to locate scholarships, loans, internships and other financial aid programs. The website features a specialized search function that allows a student to locate programs that match their education level, talents, and background. There is also an opportunity for students with disabilities to search for aid and/or programs designed with their type or level of disability in mind. For more information, visit their website. Website: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

AAHD Scholarship Program
Eligibility: Any disability
Amount: < $1,000.00
Description: Applicant must be enrolled as a full time in an undergraduate school (freshman or greater status) or be enrolled part time or full time in a graduate school, and have a documented disability and provide documentation of their disability. Applicant must provide a Personal Statement (personal history, educational goals, etc.), 2 letters of recommendation, a copy of college transcript, and must agree to allow AAHD to use their name, picture and/or story in future scholarship.
Postponed due to COVID-19 for updates please visit the website.
Website: https://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/

Student Award Program of FSD
Eligibility: Any Disability
Amount: $1,000.00
Deadline: December 1, 2020
Description: The Student Award Program of FSD helps to increase opportunities in science, engineering, mathematics, technology, and pre-medical/dental areas for graduate or professional students with disabilities. FSD has established a Science Graduate Student Grant Fund, which is available to 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.
Website: http://www.stemd.org/

CAPED Scholarships
Each year, the California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED) offers a $1,500 General Excellence Scholarship to celebrate the achievements of students with disabilities. The scholarship is only awarded to college students enrolled in at least six semester units at a California public or private institution who demonstrate high academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Preference is also provided to applicants who are strongly involved in his or her community and campus life.
Deadline: August 15 2020
Website: http://www.caped.io/scholarships/

Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. Disability Scholarship Program
Eligibility: Any disability
Amount: $1,000.00
Deadline: October 1, 2020
Description: Open to students with any type of disability who is a U.S. citizen enrolled at an accredited college or university within the U.S., has a disability diagnosis from a person qualifies to make a diagnosis, has a minimum 3.0 GPA, and has completed at least one semester of classes at an accredited college or university.
Website: https://buckfirelaw.com/scholarships/disability/

Disability Specific Scholarships:

Autism-

Organization for Autism Research Scholarship
Applications for people with an autism diagnosis pursuing full-time, post-secondary, undergraduate education or vocational-technical training to: 4 year undergraduate college or university, 2 year undergraduate college, trade/technical or vocational school, and cooperative life skills programs. Applicants will need to provide proof of Diagnosis and the online application.
Deadline: May 4, 2020
Website: https://researchautism.org/how-we-help/scholarships/

Bleeding Disorders-

BioMatrix Memorial Scholarship Program
Amount: $1,000
Description: BioMatrix offers six $1,000 educational scholarship opportunities to students diagnosed with hemophilia or von Willebrand Disease.
Eligibility:

1. Must be a United States resident.
2. Must have applied and been accepted to an accredited college, university or technical school in the United States on a full-time basis (12 credit hours or more).
3. Minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale during entire senior year of high school or current year of college or graduate school.
4. Employees and family members affiliated with BioMatrix are not eligible to apply.
5. Program is not available to those participating in or receiving healthcare coverage from Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, the Veterans Administration, or any other Federal healthcare program.

Deadline: August 1, 2020
Website: https://www.hemophilia.org/node/8741
BioRX/Hemophilia of North Carolina Educational Scholarships
Amount: $3,000
Description: The BioRx Educational Scholarships are intended for caregivers of children affected with bleeding disorders, a person who has been diagnosed with hemophilia, or a sibling of a person diagnosed with hemophilia. Preference will be given to a hemophilia community member, parent and family members seeking healthcare related education from an accredited college or university or certified training program.
Deadline: May 1, 2020
Website: https://www.diplomatpharmacy.com/resources/nc-scholarship
More scholarships: https://hemophilia-nc.org/scholarships

HFA Sibling/Parent Educational Scholarship
Amount: $2,000 award
Description: Sibling of a school-age child with a bleeding disorder. For use in furthering the sibling’s own education at a college, university or trade school or Parent of a school age child with a bleeding disorder. For use in furthering the parent's own education
Deadline: May 15, 2020
Contact: Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) scholarships@hemophiliafed.org
Phone: 202-675-6984 or 800-230-9797
Website: https://www.hemophiliafed.org/?x=0&y=0&s=HFA+Sibling+Educational+Scholarship
More Scholarships: https://www.hemophiliafed.org/scholarships/hfa-parentsiblingchild-educational-scholarship/

Blindness / Visual Impairment-

The Mary P. Oenslager Scholastic Achievement Awards (SAA)
A selection committee will choose nine exceptional students as recipients of this award. RFB&D gives maximum awards of $6,000 each, average awards of $3,500 each, and minimum awards of $1,000 each.
Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
1. Legally blind
2. Registered as an RFB&D member for at least one year
3. Have or will receive a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from an accredited four year college or university in the United States between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010
4. Overall grade point average of 3.0 or more on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent if an alternative grading system is used)
Deadline: November 30, 2020
Website: https://portal.learningally.org/NAA/Application-SAA
More Scholarships: https://www.aie.org/resources/scholarship-search/

Cancer-

The National Collegiate Cancer Foundation Scholarship
Available to cancer survivors seeking or receiving a post-secondary education.
An essay and two letters of recommendation are required along with your completed application
Eligibility:
1. You must be between the ages of 18 and 35,
2. must be a US citizen or permanent resident and
3. demonstrate financial need
4. “Will Win” attitude to be eligible for this award.

Deadline: July 15, 2020
Website: https://nationalcollegiatecancerfoundation.formstack.com/forms/survivor
More Scholarships: http://collegiatecancer.org/scholarships/

Deafness / Hearing Impairment-

The Travelers Protective Association of America Scholarship Trust for the Deaf
Description: The Travelers Protective Association of America Scholarship Trust for the Deaf and Near Deaf sets aside funds for devices, medical treatment, and educational aids for the deaf. While not specifically for college students, the funds can be used for services and equipment deaf students need to be successful in their post-secondary education.
Deadline: Every quarter: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31
Website: https://www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust/apply/

Spinal Injury-

180 Medical College Scholarship Program
Description: Students attending a two-year, four-year, or graduate school program full time in the fall are eligible to apply. Applicants must be under a physician's care for a spinal cord injury, spina bifida, transverse myelitis, neurogenic bladder, or ostomy (ileostomy, colostomy, or urostomy). Must be a legal resident in the United States
Deadline: June 1, 2020
2021 scholarship applications open January 1, 2021
Website: https://www.180medical.com/scholarships/

Sclerosis-

Brighter Tomorrow Grant
Eligibility: Multiple Sclerosis
Amount: $1,000.00 Deadline: September 1
Description: The goal of the grant is provide individuals with MS with goods or services (valued at up to $1000.00 per recipient) to improve their quality of life by enhancing safety, self-sufficiency, comfort, or well-being.
Website: https://msfocus.org/Get-Help/MSF-Programs-Grants/Brighter-Tomorrow-Grant

Epilepsy-

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship
Description: The UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program offers educational scholarships to people living with epilepsy, family members and caregivers to help them fulfill their dreams. Applicants must be a legal resident of the United States who is living with epilepsy or a family member/caregiver of a person living with epilepsy and must be seeking an associate's, undergraduate, or graduate degree or enrolled in a trade school educational program.
Deadline: March 6, 2020
Website: https://www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com/

Learning Disabilities-

Anne Ford Scholarship
Description: The National Center for Learning Disabilities offers the annual $10,000 Anne Ford Scholarship to one high school senior who has been diagnosed with an identified learning disability, including ADHD. Monies can be used for undergraduate studies in any field.
Deadline: The 2020 application has passed. Check back in the Fall for the 2021 application
Website: https://www.ncld.org/what-we-do/scholarships/anne-ford-scholarship/

Allegra Ford Scholarship
Eligibility: Learning Disability
Amount: $2,500.00
Description: The Anne Ford and Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarships offer financial assistance to two graduating seniors with documented learning disabilities (LD) who are pursuing post-secondary education.
Deadline: The 2020 application has passed. Check back in the Fall for the 2021 application
Website: https://www.ncld.org/what-we-do/scholarships/allegra-ford-thomas-scholarship/

Other

Life Lessons Scholarship Program
Description: Recognizing the character and perseverance that so many young people show in the face of such adversity, Life Happens sponsors the annual Life Lessons Scholarship Program for college students and college-bound high school seniors. Qualified entrants who submit essays or videos about how the death of a parent impacted their lives are eligible for scholarship money. Over a million dollars in college scholarships have been awarded over the years.
Website: https://lifehappens.org/life-lessons-scholarship-program/life-lessons-scholarship-application/

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