Graduate 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:
**Foundation for Science and Disability, Inc.**
Description: 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. Awards of $1000 each are made to qualified college or university students with a disability in any field of Mathematics, Science, Medicine, Technology, or Engineering. Awards are given for an assistive device or instrument, or for some other special need.
Deadline: December 1, 2020.
Website: [http://www.stemd.org/](http://www.stemd.org/)

**Google Lime Scholarship for Students with Disabilities**
US university recipients of the Google Lime Scholarship will receive a scholarship of $10,000 for the academic year, and selected students will also be invited to attend the all-expenses-paid retreat at the Googleplex in Mountain View, CA. Scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of candidates' academic background and demonstrated passion.
Eligibility:
1. A student entering their junior or senior year of undergraduate study or be enrolled in a graduate program at a university in the United States or Canada (in addition to US and Canada citizens, international students with disabilities studying at universities in the US or Canada are also encouraged to apply)
2. Enrolled in a Computer Science or Computer Engineering program, or a closely related technical field as a full-time student
3. A person with a disability (defined as someone who has, or considers themselves to have, a long-term, or recurring, issue that impacts one or more activities that others may consider a daily function); this definition also includes the perception among others that a disability exists. We know that many disabilities are "invisible," and candidates do not have to be registered with disability services on campus to apply.
Deadline: December 5, 2019 The 2020 application is now closed
Website: [https://www.limeconnect.com/programs/page/google-lime-scholarship](https://www.limeconnect.com/programs/page/google-lime-scholarship)

**College Board**
Description: 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](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)

**The College Grants**
Description: College Grants Scholarships are for students with disabilities to help students and their families with financial assistance to help with rising costs of health care. This website provides a list of scholarships, for people with learning and physical disabilities along with medical conditions.
Deadline: Varies
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:

Blindness / Visual Impairment

Vivian Menees Nelson Award for the Visually Impaired
Description: One $1,000 award is given to a person with visual impairment, who is 25-35 years old, a US citizen, and a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs. He/she can be attending any accredited institution and pursuing studies in instrument or voice. Chair, 2768, Silvan Way, Denver, CO 80227. Phone: (303) 986-9081.
Deadline: February 1, 2020 for application, March 1, 2020 for tape
Website: https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-major/music-scholarships/nfmc-vivian-menees-nelson-award-for-the-disabled-and-visually-impaired

Bleeding Disorders-

The Eric Delson Memorial Scholarship
Description: The Eric Delson Memorial Scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors and current undergraduate and graduate students who have been diagnosed with clinical bleeding disorders. You must enroll as a full-time student to be eligible for this renewable award. Selection is based on academic record, potential to succeed, leadership, participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, educational and career goals, unusual personal and family circumstances, and recommendations.

The Eric Delson Memorial Scholarship Program, Citizens’ Scholarship Foundation of America, 1505 Riverview Road P.O. Box 297, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082 Phone: 507-931-1682
To request an application, please call Caremark toll free at 1-866-792-2731.
Deadline: July 1, 2020
Website: https://www.caremark.com/portal/asset/Hemophilia_Scholarship.pdf

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-patientsiblingchild-educational-scholarship/

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

**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/

**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: http://collegiatecancer.org/scholarships/

**Deafness / Hearing Impairment**

**Graduate Fellowship Fund Gallaudet University Alumni Association**
(Limited to Ph.D. students who are hearing impaired) (202) 651-5060 (Voice/TTY)
Eligibility: 1. Hearing Status-The fellowships are intended for deaf or hard of hearing students. Audiological assessment comparable to that required for admission to the Gallaudet University undergraduate program may be the qualifying factor in this respect. The assessment should not be more than three years old.
2. Education-The minimum educational criterion will be admission to an accredited graduate program.
3. Program of Study-The applicant must have been accepted in an accredited graduate program in a college or university. A letter to that effect from the college or university must be supplied with the application.
4. Preference shall be given, to the extent practicable, to applicants who possess a master's degree or the equivalent and are seeking a doctorate.
Deadline: April 20, 2020
Website: https://www.gallaudet.edu/alumni/alumni-association/the-centennial-funds/graduate-fellowship-fund

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/

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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