



## The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid



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## Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities

On this page, you'll find information about scholarships and fellowships for students with disabilities. Be sure to browse the rest of the site also, since some of the more general listings and scholarship databases may contain information relevant to students with disabilities.

### Publications

For a list of books about financial aid for students with disabilities, be sure to refer to the [FinAid bibliography](#).

#### [HEATH Resource Center's Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities](#)

The [HEATH Resource Center](#) of the American Council on Education operates a national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Their Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities publication is updated annually and provides information on US federal student aid programs and other financial aid programs for students with disabilities. It also includes a list of 29 sponsors of scholarships specifically designated for students with disabilities. Disabled students may also wish to request a copy of Vocational Rehabilitation Services -- A Postsecondary Student Consumer's Guide.

#### [HEATH](#)

One Dupont Circle, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036-1193  
Phone: 1-800-544-3284 or 1-202-939-9320 (both numbers voice/TTY)  
Fax: 1-202-833-4760  
URL: [www.heath-resource-center.org](http://www.heath-resource-center.org) or <http://www.heath.gwu.edu/>

#### [College Funding Strategies for Students with Disabilities](#)

This web site contains a six-page document about financial aid for students with disabilities. It is published by the University of Washington. Like the Heath document, it provides a good list of scholarships and resources for students with disabilities. The web site also includes a [PDF version](#) of the document.

#### [National Directory of Financial Assistance Programs for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities](#)

The National Directory of Financial Assistance Programs for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities is published by the National Educational Association of Disabled Students. This publication provides information about financial aid for Canadian students with disabilities.

#### [Financial Aid for Learning Disabled Students](#)

A short list of scholarships for learning disabled students.

### Mailing Lists

#### DSSHE-L

DSSHE-L is a mailing list discussion of issues relevant to students with disabilities in higher education. Topics include: the legal responsibilities of institutions under the ADA; how to meet the physical and academic needs of disabled students; and how to fund such services. To subscribe to the list, write to [listserv@listserv.buffalo.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.buffalo.edu) with subscribe DSSHE-L in the message body. Submissions may be sent to [dsshe-l@listserv.buffalo.edu](mailto:dsshe-l@listserv.buffalo.edu).

## Other Resources

### Clearinghouse on Disability Information

The US Department of Education operates the Clearinghouse on Disability Information. For more information, call 1-202-205-8241 (voice/TDD) or write to: Clearinghouse on Disability Information  
US Department of Education  
330 C Street, SW, Room 3132  
Washington, DC 20202-2524

## Scholarships

### [Minnie Pearl Scholarship](#)

The Minnie Pearl Scholarship is available to high school seniors who have significant (severe to profound) bilateral hearing loss. US Citizenship and a 3.0 or higher GPA is required.

### [Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation \(ELA\)](#)

The ELA Scholarship provides financial assistance to women with physical disabilities who are enrolled in a college or university graduate program in the United States. ELA Scholarship awards are based on merit and are given in an objective and nondiscriminatory basis. Each applicant is required to submit an application packet including an application form, a college transcript, two letters of academic recommendation, a medical verification form and an essay outlining how she will "Change the Face of Disability on the Planet." Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year. The application deadline is June 1.

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