

Now Accepting Applications

Submission Deadline: March 31, 2026

The Able Trust RISE Scholarship

The Able Trust created the **Road to Independence and Success in Education (RISE) Scholarship** to help Florida High School High Tech students continue their education after high school and prepare for success in the workforce.

- RISE Scholarships will be awarded as a 1-Year Florida Prepaid College Plan.
- RISE Scholarships provide one full year of tuition at any of Florida's 28 state colleges or technical schools.
- The value of the scholarship can be applied at other public or private postsecondary institutions in Florida.

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee. **Students who are selected to receive a scholarship will be notified by email on April 23, 2026.**

To complete a RISE Scholarship application, scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#).



RISE SCHOLARSHIP

The RISE Scholarship, available only to current High School High Tech students, will help cover tuition or credit hour costs for technical or state college enrollment.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a RISE Scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior and an active participant in a High School High Tech program.
- Complete at least one application to a Florida postsecondary institution (state college, technical school, etc.).
- Complete the RISE Scholarship Application.

NOTE: In order to accept a RISE Scholarship, recipients must:

- Provide some form of identification such as a Florida ID, birth certificate or voters registration, and
- Provide proof of Florida residency.

Additional Resources for Postsecondary Education

The Able Trust is committed to expanding access to postsecondary education for students with disabilities and we've compiled the following list of trusted resources. These programs and organizations provide guidance, financial assistance, and tools to make college, university, or technical education more affordable and accessible.

Resource	Resource
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)	Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school. - FAFSA
Florida Prepaid College Foundation	The Florida Prepaid College Foundation offers students the opportunity to build a better future for themselves through higher education. Scholarship essay contests are available each year to any Florida student in grades 4-12. - Florida College Prepaid Foundation
Florida Department of Education	FDOE provides information on financial aid for higher education expenses, such as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. - Florida Department of Education
Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)	VR counselors work with the Student Office of Disability to coordinate accommodations as well as being able to provide financial assistance for eligible individuals working toward an employment goal. - Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Johnson Scholarship	Offers access info and includes the Johnson Scholarship (for undergrads with disabilities at Florida SUS institutions). - State University System of Florida - Johnson Scholarship
Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities (FCSUA)	Focuses on post-secondary comprehensive transition programs (for students with intellectual disabilities) in Florida; may link to tuition/aid options in those programs. - FCSUA
Florida Student Financial Aid Association / State Scholarship & Grant Programs	This is the main portal to Florida's state-aid programs (scholarships and grants) which students with disabilities might be eligible for. - Florida Student Financial Aid
8 Top Scholarships for the Disability Community	Offers additional national scholarship opportunities to complement state ones. - Career Connections Center
FloridaShines	FloridaShines partners with Florida's public colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, technical colleges, and other educational organizations to develop tools that support students, parents, and educators. FloridaShines is operated by the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) , which is funded by the state of Florida. As a result, all resources are provided to students at no cost. - FloridaShines.org
Bright Futures Scholarship Program	The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement. - Bright Futures Scholarship Program