THE ABLE TRUST
High School High Tech

Additional Financial Supports

Scholarships, tuition assistance, and savings tools for Students with Disabilities

Use this guide to explore additional options that may help lower the cost of education or training after high school. Requirements and deadlines can change, so always verify details with the program before applying.

Scholarships to Explore

NEED-BASED	**Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship** A need-based scholarship for students with disabilities attending a Florida State University System institution. High school seniors must be accepted to an eligible university. Current requirements and deadlines should be confirmed with the disability services office at the student's target institution. **Learn more:** flbog.edu/universities/admissions-transfers/students-with-disabilities/
NO GPA REQUIRED	**Jan LaBelle Scholarship** For Florida residents with disabilities ages 16–24 who are first-time students at an academic or vocational institution. Income and other eligibility requirements apply. The application window is typically in the fall. **Learn more:** fndusa.org
NO GPA REQUIRED	**Florida Postsecondary CTP Scholarship** For eligible students with intellectual disabilities enrolled in a Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program. Eligible students enrolled in an approved Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program may receive scholarship support. Current (2026-27) awards are available up to $15,000 per year; verify current amounts and eligibility before applying. **Learn more:** fcsua.org
NO GPA OR TEST SCORE	**Gold Seal CAPE Scholars** A Bright Futures scholarship option for students who earn qualifying CAPE industry certifications that lead to college credit. Other requirements, including service or paid-work hours, apply. Check current Bright Futures rules before applying. **Learn more:** floridabrightfutures.gov

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TUITION & SUPPORTS	**Vocational Rehabilitation Tuition Assistance** Students with disabilities ages 14–21 may participate in Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) without applying for full VR services or being determined eligible. Pre-ETS can include career exploration, postsecondary counseling, workplace-readiness training, work-based learning, and self-advocacy. Students who need services beyond Pre-ETS may apply for VR and complete the eligibility process. Start early. Ask your school transition staff, counselor, or VR office how to connect. **Learn more:** rehabworks.org

TAX-FREE SAVINGS	**ABLE United – Savings Tool** A tax-advantaged savings program for eligible Floridians with disabilities. Funds may be used for qualified expenses such as education, housing, transportation, and assistive technology. Account and public-benefit rules are individual, so families should review current guidance before making decisions. **Learn more:** ableunited.com

Ask before assuming. Going to college does not automatically mean you lose SSI or SSDI. Benefits depend on your individual situation. Ask Social Security, VR, or a benefits planner before making decisions.

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