



Inclusive Postsecondary Education Financial Resources

College is possible.

Federal Aid:

The *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* ([FAFSA®](#)) form is an application for federal student aid. If you have an intellectual disability and are accepted into an inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) program, you may be eligible to receive the following:

Federal Pell Grant:

Awards vary based on demonstrated financial need, but the maximum amount of aid a qualified student can receive as of May 2026 is \$7,395. (The IPSE must have CTP status).

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR):

VR consumers are eligible for tuition and related support(s). Families should discuss options with their VR offices or transition specialist for specific details. Awards are not for a specific amount and are based on individual financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):

Awards can vary from \$100-\$4,000

Federal Work-Study Program:

This program provides part-time jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. At least minimum wage will be earned, but more can be earned depending on financial need and funding available.

SC State Resident Financial Aid:

SC Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) Scholarship & Grant:

South Carolina residents enrolled in IPSE programs automatically qualify for a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) scholarship of at least \$7,500 per semester, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per academic year.

In addition, students who demonstrate financial need based on their FAFSA may receive a need-based CTP grant of up to \$10,000 per academic year (with a maximum of \$5,000 per semester).

NOTE: These numbers are subject to change annually.

External Scholarships:

Students with intellectual disability can apply for disability-specific national scholarships to help offset the cost of college. Some of these organizations and opportunities are listed below:

[Organization for Autism Research](#)

[Ruby's Rainbow](#)

[Additional Scholarships](#)

Additional Resources:

[Palmetto ABLE Savings Account](#)

Palmetto ABLE is South Carolina's ABLE savings program. Information about the beneficiary, the qualifying disability, and how the account will be funded is collected to complete the setup and customization of a savings account tailored to the financial goals and future you wish for your child with a disability. Funds in the account can be used for expenses related to education, independent living, employment, assistive technology, etc.

[ABLE Account National Resource Center](#)

An ABLE account will, with private savings, “secure funding for disability related expenses on behalf of designated beneficiaries with disabilities that will supplement, but not supplant, benefits provided through private insurance, Medicaid, SSI, the beneficiary’s employment and other sources.”