Wednesday’s Word to the Wise

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“Scholarships for Students with Disabilities “

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Do you know a student with a disability who may need help paying for college? The following list can help identify some funding sources and scholarship options.

ADD or ADHD

[Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship](http://www.shireadhdscholarship.com/US/about.aspx)

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The Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship contributes $2,000 per year to students with ADHD plus a year of ADHD coaching from Edge Foundation. Coaching can address issues related to transitioning into a college environment or provide support if a student is struggling with classes. Students must be accepted to or enrolled in a two-or four-year undergraduate program to qualify.

[Rise Scholarship Foundation, Inc](http://risescholarshipfoundation.org/).

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Another program that helps those diagnosed with ADD or ADHD is the Rise Scholarship Foundation, Inc., which offers $2,500 scholarships to qualified and selected students.

Autism Spectrum

[Autism Delaware](http://delautism.org/groups-events/support-education/scholarships-and-stipends/)

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From their application materials:

The Adults with Autism Scholarship was created to provide financial support for eligible adults with autism spectrum disorder (asd) who are pursuing post-secondary education. Applications are competitive and the number of scholarships available depends upon the amount of funding available and the assessment of the scholarship review committee. The amount of the Adult with Autism Scholarship is typically $1,000.

[Kelly Law Team Autism Scholarship](https://www.jkphoenixpersonalinjuryattorney.com/autism-asd-scholarship/)

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The Kelly Law Firm offers a $1,000 scholarship for secondary school expenses to an individual with autism.

[KFM Making a Difference](https://kfmmakingadifference.org/scholarship-programs-for-adults-with-autism/)

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Kerry Magro is a motivational speaker, anti-bullying activist and autism advocate. He created a scholarship to help others who have autism experience educational success. The award is $500.

[Organization for Autism Research](https://researchautism.org/how-we-help/scholarships)

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The Organization for Autism Research awards $3,000 scholarships to students on the spectrum. Candidates must attend an accredited post-secondary program as a full-time student.

[Avonte Oquendo Memorial Scholarship](https://www.perecman.com/avonte-oquendo/autism-scholarship/)

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From the website:

 All of us at The Perecman Firm, P.L.L.C. were touched by the story of 14 year-old Avonte Oquendo, an autistic boy who went missing after he wandered away from school in 2013. The outpouring of support and assistance that accompanied the search for Avonte was unprecedented. Although Avonte tragically did not make it home alive, we want to show the same support for the autistic community in memory of this extraordinary young man. That is why The Perecman Firm, P.L.L.C. is offering a $1,000 scholarship for a student living with autism, or whose loved one is living with autism.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

[Anne Ford and Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship](http://www.ncld.org/scholarships-and-awards)s

<http://www.ncld.org/scholarships-and-awards>

These scholarships offer post-secondary financial assistance to students with learning disabilities and/or ADHD.

Visual Disabilities

[Lighthouse Guild](http://www.lighthouseguild.org/programs-services/scholarships/)

<http://www.lighthouseguild.org/programs-services/scholarships/>

Lighthouse awards scholarships to “help legally blind young adults make a successful transition to college, support their post-graduate education, and facilitate career development.”

[Mary P. Oenslager Scholastic Achievement Awards](https://www.learningally.org/NAA)

<https://www.learningally.org/NAA>

Award for college seniors and graduate students who are blind or visually impaired

[National Federation of the Blind](https://nfb.org/scholarships)

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A summary of the scholarship program from their website:

To recognize achievement by blind scholars, the National Federation of the Blind annually offers blind college students in the United States and Puerto Rico the opportunity to win one of thirty merit-based, national-level scholarships worth from $3,000 to $12,000. All scholarships awarded are based on academic excellence, community service, and leadership.

[United States Association of Blind Athletes](http://usaba.org/index.php/membership/copeland-scholarship/USABA_Scholarship_Programs/)

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To receive this $500 award, students must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, be enrolled in a two or four-year college, university or technical school, be a current member of the USABA and legally blind.

General Disabilities

[1-800 Wheelchair Scholarship](http://www.1800wheelchair.com/scholarship/)

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This scholarship fund was first awarded in 2006; it is generally used to explore mobility issues on campus and address personal challenges. The $500 scholarship is awarded to one or two students a year.

[AAHD Frederick J. Krause Scholarship on Health and Disability](https://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/)

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This scholarship recognizes students interested in pursuing a career in public health, disability studies, health promotion or a field related to disability and health. There are several awards worth a maximum of $1,000.

[American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation](https://www.ashfoundation.org/grants/Graduate-Student-Scholarship/)

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Up to 15 awards of $5,000 each are given to students enrolled in graduate-level communication sciences and disorders studies programs.

[Baer Reintegration Scholarship](http://www.reintegration.com/scholarship-program/)

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Baer awards this financial assistance, in various amounts, to students diagnosed with bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. Students must currently be in ongoing treatment for one of these conditions. The award amounts are flexible and based on many factors.

[Google Lime Scholarship](http://www.limeconnect.com/opportunities/page/google-lime-scholarship-program)

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The Google Lime scholarship offers a large financial award ($5,000-10,000) and networking opportunities to computer science students with disabilities.

[Microsoft Disability Scholarship](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoftdisabilityscholarship.aspx)

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoftdisabilityscholarship.aspx>

This $5,000 scholarship is available to students enrolled in a two or four-year technology-focused program.