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RESOURCE MEMO #FN2

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RE: Scholarships and Student Loans

There is only 1 scholarship specifically for people with cerebral palsy. The UCPAGI Book Coleman Scholarship application can be obtained (by high school seniors) by contacting the Case Manager at this agency.

The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation has scholarships for female college or university students with physical disabilities. Awards, which are based on merit, range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year. The website for application is www.ela.org.

There are many scholarships available to students who meet certain criteria (age, ethnic background, sex etc.) and the high school guidance office should have a list. There are many scholarships available specific to your local county. If the guidance office does not have a list of these scholarships, check with the local Community Charities organization. Local civic organizations often have scholarships so do not forget to contact the local Moose, Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary clubs as well as churches.

Look for scholarships specific to the area of interest (e.g. Nursing). Start with the school you are attending and ask for a listing of scholarships. Some schools do a better job than others with a thorough listing for scholarship opportunities. IUPUI in Indianapolis has a wonderful scholarship database available to all students on the internet while Ball State in Muncie has a limited one.

Contact local merchants, especially those associated with large corporations for their scholarship information. Attached is a listing of scholarships that may be available to you based on your specific interest area.

The Education Channel on www.ucp.org has listing of scholarships and funding information. Local Vocational Rehabilitation offices may also offer some assistance in funding for college. Contact your local office.

Health Resource Center is a national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Their website is www.health.gwu.edu.

Disability-Related Scholarships

General

Bank of America ADA Abilities Scholarship Program
Center for Scholarship Administration, Inc.

PO Box 1465

Taylors, SC 29687-0031

864-268-3363

http://www.scholarshipprograms.org/fsp_bankofamerica.html

Stanley E. Jackson Scholarship Award for Students with Disabilities
Foundation for Exceptional Children

1920 Association Drive

Reston, VA 22091

703-264-3507

Personnel Representative Undergraduate Scholar Program

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

P.O. Box 12727

Arlington, VA 22209-8727

703-482-0677

Foundation for Science and Disability, Inc.

Richard Mankin, Grants Committee Chair

503 NW 89 Street

Gainesville, FL 32607-1400

Electronic Industries Foundation Scholarship Fund

800-279-9777

<http://eifcentral.org/>

Lions Club International

(Check with your local chapter)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

Venture Clubs Student Aid Award and Venture Clubs of America

2 Penn Center Plaza, #1000

Philadelphia, PA 19102-1883

215-557-9300

Mobility Impairments

ChairScholars Foundation

16101 Carencia Lane

Odessa, FL 33556

813-920-2737

<http://www.chairscholars.org/>

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Student Loans

If you are preparing to send your child to college, it pays to know the student loan process. These steps will help get you started:

1. Consider all of your college costs: Tuition, books, fees, room and board – these costs quickly come to mind as you think of how much you’ll need to pay for college. But don’t forget the costs on transportation, activity fees, personal expenses, computer and/or computer supplies, extracurricular sports, activities- even dorm furnishings. Some loans, such as the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) loans, can be used for up to 100% of all college costs-even that laptop. So ask questions and explore all of your options before committing to a financing program.
2. Learn the Lingo: Ask any parent of a college age student- federal forms are required for applying for aid. You’ll learn about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), SAR (Student Aid Report) and EFC (Expected Financial Contribution) from your high school guidance counselor or financial aid office. You can receive a book “A Parent’s Guide to Financing a College Education” by going to www.plusloaninfo.com/EP.
3. Use Free Money First: When it comes to paying for college, start with free money first- grants and scholarships. A popular scholarship website can be found at www.financialaid.com. Grants may also be available through your child’s college or your own workplace. Next, consider Work-Study programs offered through your child’s college. If you find you need additional funds, consider federal student loans programs (such as the Perkins, Stafford, or PLUS Loan) first, and only then consider private education loan programs.

For more information about student loans or paying for college, contact Student Loan Xpress at 1-866-SLX-PRES, or visit them online at www.studentloanepress.com.