

# Financial Resources to Support Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

## State and Federal Agencies

- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) may assist clients with tuition and other cost if you are working towards an employment goal.
  - If student/parent chooses to pay tuition while awaiting VR authorization, the university may reimburse the student once VR's payment is received.

[http://www.rehabworks.org/area5\\_offices.shtml](http://www.rehabworks.org/area5_offices.shtml)
- Career Source may also assist with tuition costs if you are working towards competitive employment.

<http://www.careersourcepb.com/ABOUTUS/DepartmentDirectory.aspx>
- The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is another agency that you may consider contacting. However, they often have a waiting list.

<http://apd.myflorida.com/customers/application/>

## Grants & Scholarships

- The Florida Center for Unique Abilities Grant is currently being developed. Details should be available soon.

<http://www.ndss.org/Resources/Education/College--Postsecondary-Options1/ONeill-Tabani-Enrichment-Fund/>
- The O'Neill Talbani Scholarship is available to individuals with Down Syndrome.

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- Ruby's Rainbow is another scholarship program for individuals with Down Syndrome.

<https://rubysrainbow.org/apply-now/>
- The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) offers a scholarship for individuals with Autism.

<http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp>
- The Joe Cleres Memorial Scholarship is open to students with various disabilities.

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

You should check with any organizations that are focused on your type of disabilities.

### **Private Sector**

Several private companies provide financial support for their employees during college.

- Publix
- TJ Maxx
- Check with YOUR employer to see if they have and assistance programs.

### **Florida Prepaid Program**

- The FAU Academy for Community inclusion does accept the Florida Prepaid Program.  
<http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/>

### **Federal Financial Aid**

- The FAU Academy for Community will soon be eligible for Federal Financial Aid including Pell Grants.  
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

### **Private**

- Remember, many students and families do cover some of the cost of college programs.