

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
- Career Source may also assist with tuition costs if you are working towards competitive employment.
<http://www.careersourcepbcc.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.
<http://www.ndss.org/Resources/Education/College--Postsecondary-Options1/ONeill-Tabani-Enrichment-Fund/>
- 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.