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# CPV for Youth with Disabilities

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## **NOTE ON DISABILITY**

The transition to college is an exciting yet challenging time in a youth's life. Below are resources and activities specifically for youth with disabilities that College Positive Volunteers can use to aid in promoting and educating post-secondary options to the youth they serve. We'd like to note that this one-pager is a quick resource guide and is not meant to be all-encompassing. Disability is an umbrella term that includes many, many differences. Keeping this in mind, if you are working with youth with one or more disabilities, it is a good idea to do some of your own research about it and what resources there are available specific to the disability as well as specific to your state.

## **FAQ'S BY COLLEGE BOUND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES**

The Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) provides answers to questions for youth with disabilities. Go over this information with the youth you serve to assist with a successful transition to college: [www.ahead.org/students-parents/students](http://www.ahead.org/students-parents/students)

## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES**

When working with youth with disabilities, talk to them or give their parents information on their rights as they transition to post-secondary education:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html>

## **PERSONAL TESTIMONIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

"From Where I Sit" is a powerful video series of eight California State University students with disabilities who share their experiences in the college classroom. Share these with the youth you serve to encourage a college future [www.calstate.edu/accessibility/resources/videos.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/accessibility/resources/videos.shtml)

## **NYLN: THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

Visit <http://nyln.org/> for more voices of young leaders with disabilities. This platform contains videos of teens and elderly leaders in the disabled community who foster inspiration in disabled youth. The website also includes documentaries and some pros & cons to certain policies. Encourage whoever you are working with to become part of a community!

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are many scholarships available for youth with disabilities; the websites below provide a wide range of financial aid options. Online is a great place to search for other scholarships specific to the youth's need.

- **Disabled World**

<http://www.disabled-world.com/disability/education/scholarships/>

- **Incight Scholarships** (for those in Oregon, Washington or California)

[www.incight.org/scholarship\\_links.php](http://www.incight.org/scholarship_links.php)

- **Affordable Colleges Online: College Guide for Students with Disabilities**

<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/spotlight/affordable-colleges-for-students-with-disabilities/>

- **List of funding opportunities provided by DOIT**

<http://www.washington.edu/doi/college-funding-students-disabilities>

- **List of funding opportunities provided by MSU**

<http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3disable.htm>

- **List of funding opportunities provided by COCC**

<https://www.cocc.edu/disability-services/scholarship-and-financial-aid-opportunities/>

## **FEDERAL STUDENT AID – GRANT PROGRAM**

From [Disability.gov](http://Disability.gov), this fact sheet provides an overview of the major federal student aid grant programs. The federal government provides grant funds for students attending colleges, including career colleges and universities. Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid. To access the fact sheet in English see: [Federal Student Aid Grant Program Fact Sheet](#). A Spanish version is available at: [Federal Student Aid Grant Program Fact Sheet \(en Espanol\)](#).

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Community College is one way to start one's post-secondary education. It serves as a way to ease into the college life (and is less expensive than a 4-year school). Browse community colleges in the area around where the youth lives, it might help encourage them to make a post-secondary commitment.

## **COLLEGES WITH DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS**

Every college is required to have some type of disability services on their campus to aid students; however some campuses have more accommodations than others, the websites below list colleges that go above and beyond the disability service requirements.

This is a list of all the colleges in the United States that have personal and academic accommodations for disabled students. Go through the list with the youth to make them aware that they have options. Choose which colleges fit the youth best.

- BestColleges.com

<http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/disabled-students/>

- Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities

[www.college-scholarships.com/learning\\_disabilities.htm](http://www.college-scholarships.com/learning_disabilities.htm)

- Colleges with Experience in Serving Autistic Students

[www.larsperner.com/autism/colleges.htm](http://www.larsperner.com/autism/colleges.htm)

## **COLLEGE ACCESS FOR YOUTH WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

This website contains all the information one might need when looking into post-secondary education [www.thinkcollege.net/for-students](http://www.thinkcollege.net/for-students). Use the resources on this site to encourage disabled youth to attend college.

### **This site includes:**

- Checklist on Applying for College - under the "Getting Started Tab"
- Educational Coaching – how to work with an education coach
- Helpful Hints - how to succeed in college as a college student with a disability
- Financial Aid - both traditional and non-traditional methods are described
- Other Education Options – college/university is not meant for everyone, therefore other post secondary options are listed

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