How to Pay For College For a High School Graduate with an Intellectual Disability

Funding is available for your family member with an intellectual disability. This resource is for a family member who has graduated from high school and plan on becoming employed as highlighted on their Individualized Support Plan (ISP).

Your Resources To Pay For College

**PRIMARY RESOURCES**

1. **OVR**
   If eligible, the State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation allows you to use the eligibility to pay for tuition, books, fees, supplies, transportation services or room and board. Visit https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services

2. **Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver**
   Consolidated Waiver, Community Living Waiver, and Person/Family Directed Support Waiver are available for families. These funds support Assistive Technology, Supported Employment, and Education Support Services, which can cover tuition, general fees, and support on campus. Visit www.myodp.org

3. **Federal Financial Aid**
   Students are eligible to receive federal Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and work study. An approved CTP provides opportunities for students to obtain academic, social, work and practical skills by interacting with other students. For more information, visit: www.studentaid.ed.gov

**OTHER RESOURCES**

1. **Social Security Administration (SSA)**
   Individuals who have a disability or medical condition that prevent them from working may be eligible for Social Security benefits. Visit www.ssa.gov

2. **ABLE Accounts**
   ABLE accounts are tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities. ABLE accounts can be used for college expenses. Eligibility is limited to individuals with significant disabilities with an age of onset of disability before turning 26 years of age. Visit info@ablenc.org

3. **Scholarships**
   There are scholarship opportunities that are available to students with intellectual disabilities. Students may be eligible. Visit www.elearners.com

4. **Private Pay**
   Some families and students who earn wages pay all or a portion of the costs of a family member getting a college education. To pay for college, many students are employed part time during the school year, on school breaks, and summer vacation.