



**Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island  
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Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island Scholarship Application  
2021

Application instructions: Please type your answers to the following questions. Save the completed application and make sure you keep one copy for yourself and send the second copy to us. **Must be submitted by June 30th, 2021**

Eligibility requirements: This scholarship is for

1. people with Down syndrome age 18 or older living in Rhode Island **or** living out-of-state and plan to attend a Rhode Island institution,
2. who intend to enroll in a class or program of study for the purpose of developing skills that will lead to employment or,
3. who wish to enhance their life through an interest or hobby.

How the scholarship will be used:

1. The scholarship monies (up to \$1,000) must be used for tuition and fees at an U.S.-based accredited school, college, university.
2. The monies must be used within one year of receipt of the scholarship.

Applicant name:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Age:

Name of college/university and/or post secondary program you are interested or enrolled in:

How many semesters, if any, you have already been enrolled in the program:

How long will it take to complete the program? How many semesters will it take to complete the program?

Total estimated tuition cost of program for one academic year: \$

Are you currently enrolled (check one)?            Yes            No

Amount that you are seeking for the scholarship? \$  
(Up to \$1,000)

Previous education: Please list in chronological order beginning with most recent first

<u>School/program name and location</u>	<u>Dates attended</u>	<u>Type of studies</u>	<u>Level of completion</u>

Please list extra activities, clubs, honors, awards, and/or recognitions you have previously received:

Employment and internship information: Please list work and internship history, beginning with most recent first, either paid or unpaid.

<u>Name of business/internship</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Duties</u>	<u>Favorite activities</u>	<u>Paid (yes/no)</u>

If you need more room to explain, use the following:

Community involvement: We are interested in learning about your community connections. Please let us know about your volunteer, religious, work, and/or school involvements including where and when you have engaged in these activities.

Please inform us of your hobbies, special interests, favorite sports, and pastimes. What do you LOVE to do and why? What do YOU find inspirational and why?

**REFERENCES:**

Please list two references (such as former employers, co-workers, teachers (NOT family members) along with their contact information:

Reference #1 name:

Address:

Email and phone number:

Relationship to applicant and years known:

Reference #2 name:

Address:

Email and phone number:

Relationship to applicant and years known:

**ESSAY:**

Please submit a personal essay that includes the following points:

1. Your educational/vocational goals over the next five years.
2. How will the educational/vocational plan you are seeking funding for help you to achieve those goals?
3. What are your personal goals over the next five years?
4. What are your personal strengths that will help you achieve these goals?
5. The essay should be at least 100 words long and should be given a title.

**Application checklist:**

- Completed application
- Two names of references
- Please submit a photo of yourself
- Proof of high school graduation or equivalent
- Applicant essay
- Proof of estimated cost of tuition
- Parent/guardian information sheet, initialed and signed
- Copy of brochure/materials describing the course of study you wish to pursue
- Copy of any awards/honors, special recognition
- Please make one copy of the entire application packet for us and one copy for yourself. Documents submitted cannot be returned.
- E-mail one copy of all these materials by June 30th to: [scholarship@dssri.org](mailto:scholarship@dssri.org)

Statement of Acknowledgement

I verify that I meet the following eligibility criteria:

- I have Down syndrome and live in RI **or** live out-of-state and plan to attend a RI institution
- I will be 18 years of age or older at the start of the program.
- I am currently enrolled in or about to enroll in a post-secondary course of study.
- I understand that, should I be awarded the scholarship, the funds will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution for tuition and fees.
- I understand that I must provide proof/documentation that I have completed the program of study that was funded by my scholarship within one month of completion to DSSRI.

Parent/Guardian information: Parent or guardian, please complete the questions that follow. In addition, our desire is to learn as much as we can about the applicant by reading what they have to say about themselves in their own words. Thus, if you help them to answer any questions anywhere within the application, please place your initials in the page margin to indicate where you have done so. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email address:

Please read, check, and sign:

- I certify that the applicant has Down syndrome and lives in Rhode Island **or** lives out-of-state and plan to attend a Rhode Island institution.
- I certify that the applicant is at least 18 years old at the start of the program.
- I certify that the applicant is applying for this scholarship to offset the costs of the post-secondary education program.
- If the applicant is awarded the scholarship, I will help them to participate in the program and be successful in it.
- I also understand that the scholarship monies will be paid directly to the program/institution and that the applicant must demonstrate through documentation (e.g., transcript) their completion in the program.

Signature:

Date:

Note: Falsifying any information on this application will lead to rescinding of funds should they be awarded under false pretenses. Any determination that the applicant is not eligible according to the stated guidelines is grounds for cancellation of the scholarship and the obligation to return the funds awarded by the scholarship to DSSRI.

\*We are indebted to Ruby's Rainbow Scholarship for serving as the basis for the questions on this application.

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