



SOUTH BAY DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

SBDSA Scholarship Fund Rules & Eligibility

The SBDSA Scholarship Fund is for individuals with Down syndrome seeking post high school educational or training opportunities.

Rules:

1. The committee must vote annually on complete applications postmarked by the deadline.
2. A 2/3 committee approval is needed to award scholarship(s).
3. Individuals may apply 1 time per year.
4. Individuals may receive 1 award per year up to a maximum of 4 awards total.
5. Applicants and family members of applicants may not serve on the selection committee.
6. Disbursement of funds is contingent on acceptance into the program listed on the application. If the awardee is accepted into an alternate program, the committee must approve the change and reserves the right to alter the awarded amount accordingly.

Eligibility:

1. The applicant must have Down syndrome.
2. The applicant must have been an SBDSA member for at least 1 year.
3. The applicant must complete a statement addressing his or her educational and independence goals. If the applicant is unable to provide a written statement, he or she must provide an alternative expression of educational and independence goals (video, art, photo, etc.), supplemented by a statement on behalf of the applicant. (See application.)
4. Desire and intent to enroll or continue enrollment in classes that enhance the applicant's life through employment, independent living, life skills, or interests in other areas.
5. Completion of a formal interview.
6. Individuals who were previously awarded are eligible to apply for another scholarship the following year using the application process.
7. Within one year of the distribution of funds, awardees must share their experience in the program to which they were accepted at one SBDSA event.