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Transitioning to Higher Education with a Disability

This list focuses on disability-related online resources. For general college and financial aid websites, see *Transitioning to College*.

Getting Started

1. Your *high school guidance counselor* is a great resource.
 - A school guidance counselor is often able to determine needs and make suggestions regarding education and scholarship opportunities.
2. Your *Scottish Rite for Children social worker* is also a resource.
 - Meet with your social worker for transitioning tips. The Family Resource Center is also available for you.
3. *Texas Workforce Solutions (Vocational Rehabilitation)*
<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-services>
 - As a part of the School Transition program, each high school has a designated Texas Workforce Solutions (TWS) representative.
 - Contact your school's guidance counselor for more information or call your local TWS office.
 - The Vocational Rehabilitation program through TWS will help you prepare for a job and become more independent.
4. *Office of Disability Services at 4-year and 2-year Schools*
 - Contact the Office of Disability Services at college(s) of interest. Speak to a representative to learn about the college's services and support for students with disabilities.



Transitioning Websites

1. *Navigate Life Texas*
<https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/transition-to-adulthood>
 - Created for families of children with disabilities or special needs. A section on transitioning to adulthood, helpful videos and information on education and career options are included.
2. *PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)*
<https://www.pacer.org/students/transition-to-life/>
 - The goal of PACER Center is to expand opportunities for and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.

Disability-Related College Information

1. *Entry Point! AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science)*
www.entrypoint.org
 - Internships for students with disabilities majoring in science, engineering, mathematics, computer science or business.
 - The application process is competitive for these national, paid positions.
2. *Higher Education Resource Guide for People with Disabilities (Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities)*
<https://tcddprd1.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-Higher-Education-Guide-Remediated-EN.pdf>
 - Texas college disability services information, educational alternatives, college planning for specific disabilities and much more.
3. *National Center for College Students with Disabilities (NCCSD)*
<http://www.nccsdonline.org/>
 - From the Association on Higher Education (AHEAD), NCCSD offers resources for college and graduate students with any type of disability, chronic health condition, or mental or emotional illness.]





4. *Texas Colleges and Universities Disability Services*
<https://tcdd.texas.gov/resources/higher-education-resources/>
 - This list includes links to websites of more than 100 Texas college disability offices.

5. *Think College! College Options for People with Intellectual Disabilities*
www.ThinkCollege.net
 - The focus is on developing, expanding and improving research and practice in inclusive higher education for students with intellectual disability.
 - Transition programs including degree and non-degree opportunities across the country.

Disability-Focused Financial Aid/Scholarship Information

1. Apply for the *Legacy Scholarship* if you have been a patient of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children! Visit this link for guidelines and application information:
<https://scottishriteforchildren.org/becoming-our-patient/family-services/family-resource-center/legacy-scholarship>

2. Contact your future institution's *Office of Financial Aid* for specific scholarships, aid or student work-study information unique to that campus.

3. *Disability Associated Scholarships and Awards – Exceptional Parent*
<http://www.eparent.com/special-needs-resource-directory/disability-related-scholarships-awards/>

4. *DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology) Center* is dedicated to empowering people with disabilities through technology and education.
 - Scholarship Opportunities
<https://www.washington.edu/doit/resources/scholarships>
 - College Funding for Students with Disabilities
<https://www.washington.edu/doit/college-funding-students-disabilities>

