

## Scottsdale Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

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For over the past 30 years and through private contributions, the MCEPD scholarship provides qualified students living with a disability with educational financial assistance in order to support success in future employment.

### 2020-2021 Application for Scholarship

Please ask for assistance from your local academic counselor or transitional counselor to thoroughly complete the scholarship application. Complete all information below, print and scan the completed form to [kkuester@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:kkuester@scottsdaleaz.gov)

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University you will be attending in the Fall of 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: Please list the high schools, colleges or universities you have attended and major areas of study (if applicable):

Name of High School Or College	Years Attended	Areas of Study

Please answer the following questions:

1. What are your educational and career goals?

2. How does your disability impact you in the academic setting?

3. Share a personal statement explaining why you need this scholarship.

(A video statement can be submitted in lieu of a written statement. Please email video directly to [kkuester@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:kkuester@scottsdaleaz.gov) or contact Kelli Kuester at 480-312-7977).

4. Optional question: Describe your involvement in extracurricular activities at school and in the community.

## Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria

- **Purpose:** To provide financial support to college or college-bound students who have demonstrated outstanding initiative in living with a disability and who have demonstrated a genuine desire to continue his or her education at the college level.
- **Eligibility:** Any student with a disability attending or planning to attend Scottsdale Community College, continuing on to an accredited university or any Scottsdale resident attending an accredited university. The student must carry a class load of at least 6 credit hours (with a disclaimer from school which indicates 6 credit hours is equivalent to full time hours). Students/clients of Scottsdale Training & Rehabilitation Services are also eligible. High School students may apply if they are planning on attending SCC or an accredited university in the fall of 2021.
- **Judging:** Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee of academic and diversity professionals.
- **Presentation:** The scholarship recipients will be informed of their selection before April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021.
- **Amount:** The Mayor's Committee may award varying amounts, depending on the availability of funds.
- **Disbursement:** The scholarship funds will go directly to Scottsdale Community College or accredited university to be dispersed to the student for use as tuition or any other college related expenses (books, etc.), or to Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services. In cases where students are enrolled in more than one accredited college, funds will be dispersed to the student for distribution as needed.
- **Restriction:** The scholarship may be canceled if the student fails to meet the eligibility requirements (e.g. student decides to drop classes). Please refer back to eligibility criteria and consult with financial counselor.
- **Deadline:** No applications will be accepted after January 1, 2021.
- **Questions:** Please direct any questions to Kelli Kuester at (480) 312-7977 or email her at [kkuester@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:kkuester@scottsdaleaz.gov)  
**Please attach at least one letter of recommendation from a high school, college, or university faculty member, advisor or counselor. Letters of recommendation from employer (current or past), representatives of civic or community organizations, or other persons that are familiar with applicants disability and accomplishments are also acceptable**