



Opportunities!

... for High School Students with Disabilities Interested in Attending College

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DO-IT Scholars Program

The *DO-IT Scholars* program prepares young people with disabilities for college, careers, independent living, and leadership roles in society.

DO-IT Scholars

- experience college life on a university campus in the summer;
- explore careers and the world of work;
- learn to select and use adaptive technology, applications software, and Internet resources;
- learn about reasonable accommodations at school and in the workplace;
- network with peers and working professionals with disabilities;
- gain requisite knowledge to enter and succeed in college and challenging careers; and
- participate in leadership opportunities that promote accessible environments, worksites, and community activities.

Washington State high school sophomores and juniors with disabilities may apply. The suggested application due date is January 31. Learn more and apply at www.uw.edu/doit/programs/do-it-scholars.

Mentoring Days

DO-IT's Mentoring Days are designed to promote career development for students with disabilities through hands-on career exploration. Mentoring Days offer opportunities to tour organizations, hear from employees about careers, and learn how people in different jobs work together to get things done. Past Mentoring Day locations include Seattle BioMed, Children's Hospital, the University of Washington (UW) Botany Greenhouse, the UW Power Plant, the Port of Seattle, and Seattle's Hub for Industry-driven Nanotechnology Education.

To learn more about DO-IT Mentoring Days, go to www.uw.edu/doit/programs/do-it-disability-mentoring-day.



College Transition Resources

- ***The Student Lounge:*** Read a list of resources for succeeding in college. www.uw.edu/doit/programs/accesscollege/student-lounge/college
- ***College You Can Do It!:*** See a video featuring students and staff sharing success tips for college. www.uw.edu/doit/videos/index.php?vid=5
- ***Preparing for College: An Online Tutorial:*** Read about accommodation strategies, different types of degree programs, and funding options. www.uw.edu/doit/preparing-college-online-tutorial
- ***College Survival Skills:*** Learn tips to increase your success in school. www.uw.edu/doit/college-survival-skills
- ***College Funding for Students with Disabilities:*** Learn about federal and state aid, scholarships, and award opportunities. www.uw.edu/doit/college-funding-students-disabilities
- ***Going to College:*** Find information about living college life with a disability. Designed for high school students and includes video clips, activities, and additional resources that can help provide a head start in planning for college. www.going-to-college.org/

Scholarship Resources

Attending college can be an exciting and enriching experience; however, it can also be a costly one. A combination of financial aid and outside funding resources can help you meet college costs. Use the following resources to help cover the cost:

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** Regardless of your family's income, apply for FAFSA to see what loan and grant options are available to you. First come, first served; apply early! www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- **DO-IT Scholarship Website:** A list of scholarships for students of all disability types. www.uw.edu/doit/resources/scholarships
- **theWashBoard.org:** A free scholarship matching clearinghouse for Washington residents and students attending college in Washington. www.thewashboard.org/login.aspx
- **Scholarship Junkies:** An organization that provides students with an insider's guide to the scholarship application process from recent scholarship winners. Scholarship Junkies also gives quick feedback on scholarship essays. www.scholarshipjunkies.org/
- **Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS):** A unique partnership helping to build the next generation of scientists, engineers, health care professionals, and other professionals in high-demand fields. [www.waopportunityscholarship.org/](http://waopportunityscholarship.org/)
- **College Goal Washington:** A free program that helps students complete the FAFSA or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). They host events throughout January and February. www.readysetgrad.org/educators/grad/cgw-students-families

Join DO-IT Pals!

DO-IT Pals is an electronic community of teens with disabilities planning for college and careers. They engage with each other, mentors, and DO-IT Staff to learn about useful resources.

www.uw.edu/doit/programs/do-it-pals



About DO-IT

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