

AFB SCHOLARS PROGRAM

INVESTING IN TODAY'S SCHOLARS TO TRANSFORM
TOMORROW'S WORLD

Are you a blind student looking to advance your higher education goals and career?

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) presents the 2026-2027 AFB Scholars Program! This is your chance to access unparalleled opportunities, professional development, and a network of visionary leaders in the blind community.

Award Opportunities

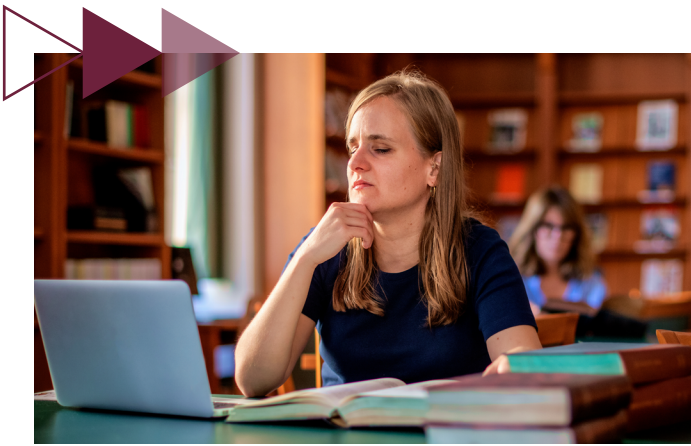
The **Lulu J. Alonso Scholarship Fund** provides scholarships to support postsecondary education for blind students; renewable annually.

- Community College - \$8,000
- Undergraduate - \$20,000
- Graduate - \$28,000



Scholarship Pathways

- **Science & Technology Scholarship:**
Supporting students in STEM fields, such as computer science, engineering, biology, mathematics, or information technology.
- **Research Scholarship:**
Supporting students conducting research during the academic year under a university advisor.
- **Aging & Vision Loss Scholarship:**
Supporting students pursuing a degree in Gerontology OR Public Health, Vision Rehabilitation, Social Work, or Psychology and a Gerontology certificate.



Requirements & Expectations

To be eligible, applicants must:

- ✓ Be legally blind (with verification).
- ✓ Be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States.
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Commit to participating in professional development activities.

Scholarship recipients must:

- ✓ Engage in mentorship activities with an AFB leader.
- ✓ Attend one approved annual conference with an AFB staff member.
- ✓ Submit an end-of-year narrative reflecting on academic and professional growth.
- ✓ Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.

APPLY NOW

Don't miss this opportunity to unlock your potential and become part of a legacy of excellence.

[Learn More About the AFB Scholars Program](#)

DISCOVER MORE

In partnership with the American Council of the Blind, AFB is excited to provide financial support each year to college and graduate students with legal blindness attending a post-secondary learning institution. Visit the **[ACB scholarship page](#)** to learn more about the criteria and how to submit an application.