

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 2027 AFB Scholars Program! This is your chance to access unparalleled opportunities, professional development, and a network of visionary leaders in the blind community.

Scholarship Pathways

- **STEM Scholarship:**
Supporting students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- **Communications, Arts & Storytelling Scholarship:**
Supporting students using communication, creativity, and storytelling to shape how we connect and engage with the world.
- **Health Care Scholarship:**
Supporting students preparing to improve health and well-being in their communities.
- **Possibilities Scholarship:**
Supporting community college and first and second year undergraduate students pursuing unique, emerging, or less commonly represented fields.

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





Requirements & Benefits

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ Be legally blind (with verification).
- ✓ Be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States.
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.

Program Benefits:

- ✓ Professional mentorship.
- ✓ Conference attendance with an AFB staff member.
- ✓ Career development with a career coach.
- ✓ Connection and networking opportunities.

APPLY NOW

Unlock your potential and become part of a legacy of excellence!
Applications are open from **November 16, 2026 - January 19, 2027**

Learn more at afb.org/scholarships/about

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** at acb.org/scholarships to learn more about the criteria and how to submit an application.