The Council for Developmental Disabilities of Sandusky County
1001 Castalia Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420

2027 Scholars in Progress Award Criteria

For Sandusky County Students Currently Enrolled in an Accredited Higher ED Program.

1. Currently enrolled in an accredited higher education institution (college, university, or technical program). The location of the institution does not need to be in Sandusky County or Ohio.

2. Applicants must have a permanent residence in Sandusky County, Ohio. Proof of residency is required and may include a valid state ID or driver's license, or other official documentation that verifies the applicant's name and permanent address.

3. Applicants must be pursuing a degree or certification in a field that supports individuals with developmental disabilities, including but not limited to Special Education, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or a related field.

4. Applicants must submit verification from their college or educational institution confirming the degree or certification program in which they are currently enrolled.

5. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application. Enclose a copy of the most recent transcript as evidence.

6. Optional – Applicant may submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, academic advisor, or program supervisor. The letter should specifically address:

   - The applicant's academic engagement and work ethic; and
   - Their commitment to their chosen field; and
   - Their potential to work effectively with individuals with developmental disabilities.

7. Reflective Essay Requirement – submit a short reflective essay (minimum of 500 words) responding to all of the following:

   - Personal learning experience. Describe a specific experience, class, practicum, job or interaction that has shaped your understanding of working with individuals with developmental disabilities. What did you personally learn from this experience?
   - Connection to your field of study. Explain how this experience relates directly to your chosen field and how it has influenced your academic or professional goals.



- Future Impact. Describe what you hope to do after graduation and how your work will support individuals with developmental disabilities and/or their families.

8. Return completed application, proof of residency, verification of degree/certification program, transcript, and essay by Friday, February 26, 2027. Only those applications that are fully completed will be considered.

9. Winners announced in March of 2027. Payment of Scholarship will be made directly to the school attended.

A selection committee from the Council for Developmental Disabilities of Sandusky County will select the individual (s) for the scholarship, is responsible for, and will award the scholarship money. Their decision is final.

Please submit application to: Ruth Watson via email at rwatson@scbdd.org or by US mail to:

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C/O Ruth Watson

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Questions can be directed to Ruth Watson at 567-342-4822.