

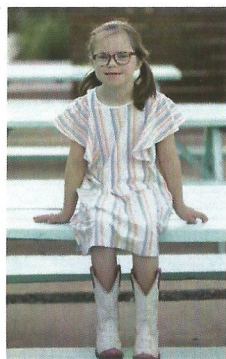


Mission & Goals

At Ruby's Rainbow, we grant scholarships to adults with Down syndrome in the U.S. who are seeking post-secondary education, enrichment or vocational classes.

Our mission is to help these inspiring individuals achieve their dreams of higher education while spreading the word about just how capable and amazing they are!

Today, there are more college and university programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities than ever before. Students with Down syndrome are helping to change the educational landscape, and Ruby's Rainbow is committed to keeping pace with these ever-increasing educational opportunities.



We are passionate about supporting students with Down syndrome as they pursue their dreams of higher education!

Eligibility Criteria

Ruby's Rainbow scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- This grant is for individuals with Down syndrome, living in the United States, who are 18 years of age or older.
- Applicants must have the desire and intent to enroll or continue enrollment in a class or program that will enhance their lives through employment, independent living or life skills, or interests in any other areas.
- Applicants must provide a high school diploma, transcript or equivalent. A college transcript or letter from program is also acceptable.
- Individuals who have previously been awarded a Ruby's Rainbow scholarship may now apply again the following year by filling out our Re-Apply Application.

About Ruby's Rainbow scholarships:

- Ruby's Rainbow Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per awarded individual, subject to availability of funds.
- Scholarship funds must be used within one year.
- This grant must be used to pay for tuition for a post-secondary program at a college, educational institution, learning center or employment training program. A portion may also be used to pay for books, supplies or other related expenses, but the majority of the grant must be used for tuition

Visit RubysRainbow.org and click on Apply to get started!



Fun Facts



After being entirely volunteer-run for its first four years, Ruby's Rainbow took on its first full-time Executive Director — Liz Plachta, co-founder and mom to Ruby — in 2016 to meet the demands of this rapidly expanding organization. Still largely volunteer-run, Ruby's Rainbow is made up of parents, family members and friends of people who happen to be rockin' that extra chromosome. Everyone involved with Ruby's Rainbow is passionate about spreading the word about these amazing and capable individuals.

In its first eight years, Ruby's Rainbow has granted over 300 post-secondary educational scholarships to our inspiring Rockin' Recipients, totaling over \$900,000. We look forward to continuing our mission for many years to come and helping more individuals with Down syndrome achieve their dreams of higher education and independence.

Ruby's Rainbow is based in Austin, Texas, yet our Rockin' Recipients come from all over the United States, and attend courses and educational programs at colleges and universities across the country.