

Scholarship Opportunities for the NDSC Conference

1. Governor's Council for People with Disabilities - State of Indiana

Consumer Investment Fund. For guidelines and application: <http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/2328.htm>

-The Consumer Investment Fund program offered through the GCPD allows persons with disabilities and their families to participate in conference and events. In return the Council requests that you commit to share the information you learned with others and that you contribute to the independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of people with disabilities.

-50% of Expenses reimbursed after conference

-Will advance some funds for expenses if applicant receives SSI

2. Medicaid Waiver Family and Caregiver Training Program

Under Indiana's Medicaid Waiver program, anyone who receives Family Supports Waiver or Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver can opt to spend up to \$2,000 of their yearly budget for Family and Caregiver Training. The funds can be used to provide training and education to parents, family members or non-paid caregivers at workshops and conferences.

The Arc of Indiana's Family and Caregiver Training Services Program can make this process easier and more accessible. Here are the steps to take:

1. Allocate a dollar amount in your Medicaid Waiver Budget, up to \$2,000 a year, to be used for family and caregiver training.
2. List The Arc of Indiana as a provider of Family and Caregiver Training Services.
3. Contact The Arc of Indiana to learn if a training, workshop, conference, service etc. is eligible for Family and Caregiver Training.
4. If the requested program or service is eligible, The Arc will pay for the upfront cost of the service, saving you the out-of-pocket expense.

For complete details, please contact Jill Vaught by phone at The Arc of Indiana (317-977-2384) or by email: jvaught@arcind.org.

3. Riley Hospital for Children: Families with a dependent with Down syndrome who attend the Down Syndrome Clinic at Riley Hospital for Children are eligible to apply for a limited partial scholarships for registration. For further information, please contact Sandra Milescu at (317) 944-4955 or sanmiles@iu.edu.

4. Down Syndrome Indiana: DSI is offering limited partial scholarships for registration to DSI families. Contact Stephanie Glowner at Stephanie@dsindiana.org.

5. Other Grants:

Hannah and Friends provides up to \$500 for educational conferences. Guidelines and applications are available on their website: <http://www.hannahandfriends.org/>

Ruby's Rainbow is granting scholarships nationwide for post-secondary education, vocational or enrichment classes for the higher educational needs of adults with Down syndrome who are 18 or older. Contact Liz Plachta, liz@rubysrainbow.org, more info www.rubysrainbow.org.

6. Local Service Groups

Lion's Club, Kiwanis, and other service groups occasionally accept applications for family needs, such as trainings. Thank you Family Voices for sharing funding information!