

Access to Education: Higher Education Resource Guide

MDA Resources

[MDA.org](https://mda.org) is a great place to find programs and resources to support you during your higher education journey. *A few of these resources are listed below:*

- [MDA Care Center Network](#)
 - Explore the MDA Care Center Network and find a location near you.
- [MDA Quest Blog](#)
 - Search through blog posts about education, children, school, etc.
- [MDA Quest Magazine](#)
 - Online magazine that offers an education category with helpful articles and content.
- [MDA Education Resources](#)
 - Find tools for scholarships, financial aid, PCAs and more.

MDA Engage

MDA Engage virtual educational events empower individuals and their families with knowledge and resources shared by experts in the neuromuscular disease field. *Recent events:*

MDA Engage Community Webinar

- [Creating Strong Relationships and Connections](#)
- [Preparing for the Future: Finding the Best College and Career for You](#)
- [The Fundamentals for a Successful Path to Independence](#)

For upcoming MDA Engage Events, please visit mda.org/engage.

Resources from this Workshop

Find a list of resources that were included in this Access Workshop.

- Glossary of Common Insurance Terms (TO COME)
- [Common Questions About Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- [State Vocational Rehabilitation Programs](#)
- [List of Centers for Independent Living and State Plan for Independent Living by State](#)
- ["College Prep" Checklists](#)
- [State Waivers List](#)
- [SSI Rules for College Students](#)
- [Plan to Achieve Self-Support \(PASS\)](#)
- [Achieving a Better Life Experience Act \(ABLE\)](#)
- [College Scholarship Search Engine](#)
- [Federal Student Aid](#)
- [Complete the FAFSA Form](#)
- [Federal Work-Study](#)
- [Campus Disability Resource Database \(CeDaR\)](#)
- [Fair Housing Act](#)

- [Common Questions for Incoming Students](#)
- [Common Parent Questions and Answers](#)
- [PCA Flyer](#)
- [10 Tips for Finding a PCA](#)
- [Personal Care Attendant Hiring Guide](#)

Other Higher Education Resources

- [Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#)
 - The ACL has a program dedicated to aging and disability networks. You will find additional links to organizations who focus on supporting individuals with disabilities.
- [Centers for Independent Living](#)
 - Find your closest Center for Independent Living (CIL) that can provide a range of services from independent living skills training to transitions to post-secondary education.
- [National Council on Aging](#)
 - A quick search of “education” will bring you to guides, resources, and fact sheets.
- [National Council for College Students with Disabilities](#)
 - National center that provides a range of higher education resources to students, families, and school faculty and staff.
- [Social Security Administration – Disability Programs](#)
 - Provide assistance to people with disabilities who meet qualifications.
- [State Assistive Technology Centers](#)
 - Connect with the AT center in your area for more specific services.
- [State Directory of Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies](#)
 - Vocational rehabilitation programs focus on helping people with disabilities becoming economically independent through meaningful and gainful employment. In many states, assistance with durable medical equipment is available.

For additional resources, please reach out to the **MDA Resource Center**:
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