

GUERNSEY COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOLARSHIP 2026 GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

***Applications may be submitted beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2026 and
must be postmarked or emailed by Saturday, May 30, 2026***

Eligibility Criteria: This scholarship is available to residents of Guernsey County who are eligible for services of the Guernsey County Board of Development Disabilities. Scholarships will be awarded for the 2026/27 academic year.

Directions:

Step 1: Complete and sign the attached application (attach *Personal Statements* and any other documents).

Step 2: Applicant Appraisal – One appraisal form is attached. You are encouraged to select a school counselor or teacher/professor; if this is not applicable, you may select an employer, member of the clergy, job supervisor, or other person who is in a position to recommend you according to the given criteria. Detach and deliver the form to your appraiser as soon as possible. **You are responsible for determining with the nominator how they prefer to submit the appraisal. You may collect and include it with your application, or the nominator may email/mail it separately to the Guernsey County Board of Developmental Disabilities (see options below).**

Step 3: Transcript Information – all students must attach a current transcript (official or unofficial).

Step 4: Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and attach the SAI (Student Aid Index) page of the *Submission Summary* with this application. Only the page with SAI (Student Aid Index) number is needed.

Step 5: If any questions are not applicable, please provide an explanatory note referring to the questions by section. You also may wish to have your school counselor review your application for accuracy before submission.

Step 6: You are responsible for ensuring all supporting documents are submitted. **This application becomes valid only when the following have been received by the Foundation:**

- _____ Completed, signed application, including Personal Statements
- _____ Current, *Unofficial or Official* Transcript of Student Grades
- _____ One Appraisal/Nomination
- _____ FAFSA *Submission Summary* page with SAI number

Applications are due on May 30th, 2026 and can be sent:

by Email to jconaway@guernseycountydd.org

- Please scan and attach one PDF (if possible) that includes your **application, personal statements, transcript, SAI page(s) and appraisal form** (unless appraiser prefers to send separately). Include "Guernsey Co. BoDD Application and your name" in subject line of the email.
- **All application materials - including appraisal form - must be received no later than May 30, 2026**

Or by Mail with a postmark date no later than May 30, 2026 to:

Guernsey County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Attn: Scholarship Application
60770 Southgate Rd., Byesville, OH 43723

Estimated Annual Cost: Tuition: \$_____ Room/Board: \$_____ Books/Materials: \$_____

Enrollment Status: Less than half-time Half-time or more Full-time

Housing Status: Live on Campus Live off Campus Commute

FINANCIAL AID

Please list all awards and amounts, including Grants, Scholarships, and Student Loans already received for the upcoming academic year, indicating if awards are one-time or renewable:

Please list any pending scholarships, grants and loans sought for the upcoming academic year:

PERSONAL STATEMENTS *(must be attached)*

Please attach your typed response to the following questions. Be sure to also address how you meet the criteria for the specific scholarship(s) to which you are applying.

1. Please submit an essay describing yourself, including personal aspirations, educational goals (what you plan to study and why), career goals and anything else you would like us to know about you.
2. Please describe any personal or family challenges that have affected you, your achievement in school, work experience, or participation in school and community activities.
3. List all volunteer, school, community, extracurricular, arts, musical, and cultural activities you have participated in during the past four years, indicating length of participation and any leadership roles, special awards, and honors.

TRANSCRIPT *(must be attached)*

- Please include your most recent (official or unofficial) transcript. High school students and students who have completed less than one full semester of post-secondary education must submit a high school transcript. **Students currently enrolled in a postsecondary program** who have completed more than one semester of school must submit a transcript from their postsecondary institution.

Please list your cumulative unweighted GPA: _____ / 4.0

Certification: *In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted.*

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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APPLICANT APPRAISAL

This form is to be completed by a high school or college counselor, advisor, clergy person, instructor, employer, job supervisor, etc.



Student Name: _____ Appraiser Name: _____

Instructions to the Nominator: You have been asked to provide information in support of the above student's scholarship application. The **due date is May 30, 2026**. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following questions and provide your thoughts and comments to the applicant's specific and unique qualifications. Please return to applicant in advance of the due date, or if you prefer, scan and email it to jconaway@guernseycountydd.org by due date with **"STUDENT NAME AND Scholarship Appraisal" in the subject line**). This appraisal is not an indicator of student perfection, but rather an indicator of scholarly endeavor and passion for post-secondary pursuits. Your thoughtful insights can greatly impact a student's application.

1. What qualities does this student have that make them worthy of consideration for a scholarship award? Why do you recommend them for this scholarship award?

2. Please note any pertinent information you feel would be helpful to the selection process. Identify how long you have known the applicant, and the circumstances and experiences that are the basis for this recommendation.

Appraiser's Signature

Date

Title/Relationship to Applicant

Phone