

2021 CTDAC Scholarship Fund

Sponsored by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)

Advancing personal and professional growth through scholarships for students with disabilities

Scholarship Amount?

\$750 (*based on essay answers)
\$250 (*live, random drawing)



*For a chance at either scholarship, applicants must:

- Meet the Application Requirements
- Meet the Eligibility Requirements
- Meet the Application Deadline
- Answer all five essay questions

How do I Apply?

Applications are available online, by email, or by phone:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/human-resources/students-volunteers/scholarships>

**Email: Vinh.Nguyen@dot.ca.gov

**Phone: (279) 234-2343

Application Requirements?

All five essay questions must be answered to qualify for the CTDAC scholarships. Application and essay questions must be:

- Submitted in Word format
- Saved as an attachment with your name as the title of the attachment
- Submitted / returned via email**

**Please contact us if you require reasonable accommodations.

Email your completed application to:
Vinh.Nguyen@dot.ca.gov



Eligibility Requirements?

To qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a disability defined by the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities
- Reside in California at the time the scholarship application is submitted
- Be a current college or university student currently enrolled in a minimum of six units
- Aspire to work in the transportation industry and study subjects that are relevant to the missions of transportation agencies. Qualifying majors include but are not limited to:

Civil Engineering	Planning
Environmental Engineering	English
Mechanical Engineering	Social Media
Communications	Real Estate
Environmental Studies	Surveying
Accounting	Business

Application Deadline?

Applications must be received no later than November 12, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. (PT). The live drawing will be held via Microsoft Teams, at 3:00 p.m. (PT) on November 19, 2021. Award recipients will be notified via email by November 19, 2021.**

Contact / Questions?

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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC), at Headquarters, is pleased to announce the 2021 CTDAC Scholarships for students with disabilities.

Scholarship Amount?

This year, CTDAC will award one \$750 scholarship and one \$250 scholarship to students with disabilities. The \$750 scholarship will be awarded based on the answers to the five essay questions for qualifying applications received. The \$250 scholarship will be awarded based on a live, online, random drawing for all qualifying applications received. All qualifying applicants are eligible to participate for both scholarships.

The scholarship award will be announced via Microsoft Teams on November 19, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Pacific Time (PT). All eligible applicants will be emailed a Microsoft Teams meeting invite for the \$750 scholarship award announcement and for the \$250 scholarship award live drawing. This meeting will be recorded and posted online for future viewings. All scholarship award recipients will be notified via email by November 19, 2021.

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Eligibility Requirements?

- A college student who has a disability defined by the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
- A college student residing in California at the time of applying for scholarship.
- Currently enrolled in a minimum of six units in a college or university.
- Students must aspire to work in the transportation industry and study subjects that are relevant to the missions of transportation agencies. Qualifying majors include, but are not limited to: Civil, Environmental, and Mechanical Engineering, Planning, Environmental Studies, Accounting, Bookkeeping, Clerical Administration, Communication, English, Social Media, Real Estate, Surveying, Business Administration, Mechanical Repair, etc.

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Equal Employment Opportunity Program

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number (include area code): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of College / University: _____

Number of Currently Enrolled Units / Credits: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(A wet signature is not required. Please type in your name and date as your signature.)

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Essay Question Instructions:

Please number your answers to each question. Please write **250 words or less** per answer to each question (12-point font size, either Arial or Helvetica font). To qualify, **all** five questions must be answered.

Essay Questions:

1. Please include a brief statement about a period in your life when your disability presented a particular challenge and describe how you overcame the challenge.
2. What have you learned about yourself based on your disability?
3. Why did you choose your major course of study and what are your plans with this major?
4. If you had the chance to effect a change in the way others view people with a disability, what would you do and why?
5. What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing an individual with a disability in society today?

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