

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities



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Ability & Opportunity*

Introduction to Scholarships

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MSU Scholarships - <https://scholarships.msu.edu/>

MSU Scholarships

Welcome to MSU Scholarships

Getting Started

Michigan State University has hundreds of scholarship and fellowship opportunities available.

Opportunities can be a combination of:

- **General scholarships** (open to all students)
- **Departmental scholarships** (restricted to students within a specific major/field)
- **Fellowships** (open to graduate students)

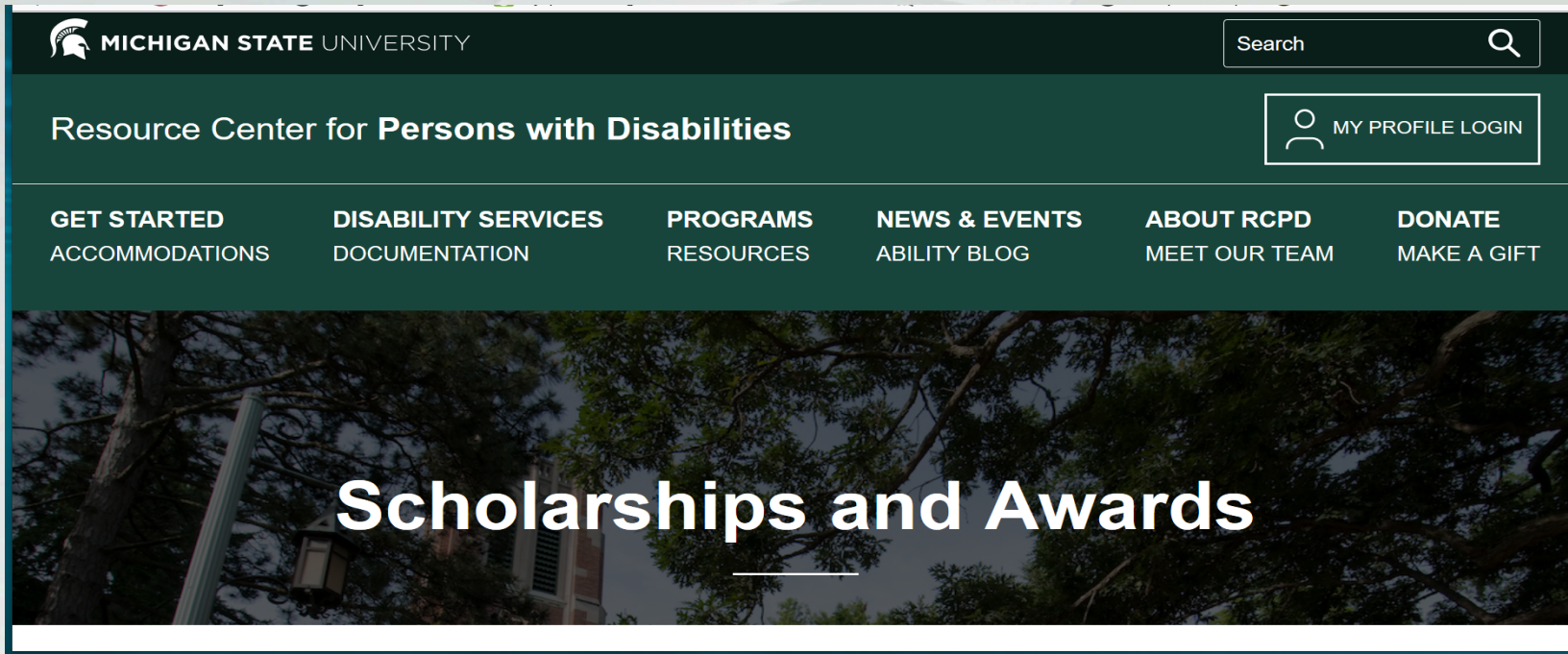
Scholarships and fellowships may be recommended to you at different times throughout the year, so we suggest visiting MSU Scholarships often.

[Login to MSU Scholarships](#)[Browse Opportunities](#)

RELATED LINKS

- [MSU Scholarships FAQs: Students](#)
- [MSU Scholarships FAQs: Administering Staff](#)
- [MSU Admissions](#)
- [MSU Office of Financial Aid](#)

RCPD Scholarships - <https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs/scholarships-and-awards>



The screenshot shows the top portion of the RCPD Scholarships and Awards website. The header is dark green with the Michigan State University logo and name on the left, a search bar on the right, and a 'MY PROFILE LOGIN' button. Below the header is a dark green navigation bar with six menu items: GET STARTED, DISABILITY SERVICES, PROGRAMS, NEWS & EVENTS, ABOUT RCPD, and DONATE. Each menu item has a secondary link below it. The main content area features a large image of a tree and a building, with the text 'Scholarships and Awards' overlaid in white.

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Scholarships and Awards

Opportunities Include:

- **Undergraduate scholarships** (open to sophomores, juniors, or seniors)
- **Graduate scholarships** (graduate students, including medical students)
- **A Fellowship** (open to students with learning disabilities)
- **Study Abroad Scholarships**
- **Partnered Scholarships**
- **Internship Endowment**

Applying for a Scholarship:

- Read the Application and Directions
- Pay Attention to Application Deadlines (Due Dates)
- Meet the Eligibility Criteria (GPA, Income, Class Level, etc.)
- Schedule Time to Gather & Create Materials
 - Completing the application
 - Writing a personal statement or essay
 - Obtain letters of recommendation
 - Copy of transcripts
 - Financial verification of need

Tips from Successful Scholarship Applicants:

- Be detail-oriented
- Provide a positive perspective on “self” in personal statement or essay
- Emphasize community service and leadership experience
- Do not assume people know you or know about you
- Know the interest of the foundation or donor
- Make sure how you will use the funds match the expectations of the donor or foundation

Facts:

- A limited number of students apply
- Half of the applications are started, but never completed
 - Missed Deadline for Submission
 - Not have the letter of recommendation
- Half of the completed applications, are not comprehensive or have a poor perspective on “self”

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See: PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

<https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs>

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If you have questions about scholarships,
be sure to contact your RCPD Specialist!
THANK YOU!