



Caitlin Brady Scholarship

Supporting students with disabilities in honor of Caitlin's memory

Caitlin Brady was a disability rights advocate who passed away far too young in 2017. We lost her before she turned 18, just as she was about to graduate high school. Caitlin had exceptional cognitive abilities and excelled at reading. She also lived with multiple disabilities including a physical disability that required her use of a wheelchair, a severe learning disability that affected her writing, and psychiatric disabilities. Caitlin became involved with disability advocacy as a young child and was the first child in her rural school district to use a service dog. She went on to become involved in the disability community by the age of 15. She loved policy work and spent a lot of time at the Capitol. Her death rocked the disability community, and donations were made in her memory for a scholarship.

Her family has asked the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC) to manage this scholarship, and they request that these funds be used to support a student with a disability who is studying Social Work with a social justice focus.

CCDC is making contributions to this scholarship fund a permanent part of our giving opportunities. Initially, we will award 2 scholarships of \$500 each while we continue to build the fund, hopefully increasing the awards and amounts annually. The funds can go to tuition, and we can pay the school directly if desired. The scholarship can also go toward supplemental expenses (transportation, books, etc.) including expenses for trainings that will foster opportunities for the scholarship recipient to attend school such as testing prep, service dog training, tutoring on a specific topic, etc.

To apply for this scholarship, [click here to complete an application](#).

This application does require you to submit an essay or video that addresses your thoughts on/experiences with social justice and advocacy for people with disabilities.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is September 15th, 2021.

Scholarship eligibility criteria:

- 1) Must be a student with a disability or a close relative of someone with a disability (like a sibling, particularly a twin of someone with a disability).
- 2) Career goals focused on social justice and disability.
- 3) While not required, we would love to have our recipients keep in touch and share your progress throughout your educational journey. CCDC will also want to put your name and photo on our website.

Selection process details: A team of people who Caitlin knew will make the selection. The selection will be made and announced in fall 2021.