

# Scholarships



## Propelling Students to Future Success

The Special Education Foundation's mission is to assist students with disabilities in achieving success in ways not supported by tax dollars and aims to provide tools and opportunities they need to succeed. Each year, SEF awards five \$5,000 scholarships to selected students who are entering post-secondary education.

### **John Cary Scholarship, Presented by Emerson**

Established in 2016, this \$5,000 scholarship honors the former Special School District Superintendent John Cary for his dedication to excellence and advocacy for students with disabilities. It supports students in continuing their education while recognizing Cary's lasting impact on the community.



### **Jane Vickrey Leadership Scholarship**

Created in 2025 in memory of Jane Vickrey, this \$5,000 scholarship celebrates her commitment to service and leadership within the Special Education Foundation. It is awarded to a student who has completed the Fred Saigh Leadership Academy and demonstrated a strong dedication to leadership and giving back.

## Christopher Davis Scholarship

Established in 2005 by the Ronald Davis family, this \$2,500 scholarship honors the memory of Christopher Davis. It is awarded to a deserving student from the Ritenour School District to support their continued educational journey.

## How It Works

- Each school year, students planning to attend a post-secondary institution can submit an application through the SEF website, accompanied by their school transcript.
- Once a student's application is received, SEF contacts the student's SSD teacher to complete the Teacher Next Steps form on the SEF website and submit a letter of recommendation.
- Financial needs and teacher recommendations are also considered.
- Applications are reviewed, and students are selected by an SEF committee including members of the Board of Directors and key staff.

Well-rounded individuals, particularly those with exceptional achievement in a particular area, are more likely to be successful applicants. With the Special Education Foundation's Scholarships, selected students can receive postsecondary education that their families may not be able to provide or be unable to afford.

Learn about the Special Education Foundation and more information on our scholarships.



***“My educational journey has been characterized by my determination to achieve my goals, striving to push past the limitations of a learning disability, and seeking out ways to challenge myself. I’ve always had an intense love of learning; gaining more knowledge is one of my favorite parts of school, even when it is difficult.” ~Lilah D.***

