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# Transition: College, Housing and Employment

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### TSC Alliance Future Leaders Class of 2021:

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# Welcome – TSC Alliance Future Leaders Class of 2021



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# Accommodations, Life Transitions and Disclosure



# Navigating Accommodations Processes

- **Preparing for Standardized Tests** – Speak to your Guidance Counselor for more information about how to request accommodations you might need on college entrance exams like the SAT and ACT and AP exams
- **Applying to College** - If applicable and needed for your individual situation, feel free to reach out to Student Disability Service Offices at the Colleges and Universities you are considering applying to in order to learn more about on-campus resources available to students
- **Once On-Campus** – Connect with your Student Disability Services Office in order to request accommodations for on-campus housing, academic coursework and exams, and any dietary needs you may have. Joining a student disability alliance group can be a great way to connect and socialize with other students with disabilities, visible and non-visible, at your college/university
- **Employment** – Reach out to a Reasonable Accommodations team at the organizations you are applying to during the application process if there are any needs you may have when going through the job recruiting process. Connecting with employees who are members of a company ERG (employee resource group) dedicated to disability advocacy can be a great way to learn more about an organizations' culture as well.

# Disclosing TSC in Employment & Higher Education Admissions

- When you leave secondary school and enter college or the workforce, IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act), which covers IEPs, no longer applies to you. Instead, the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects you from disability-related discrimination and provides for meaningful access.
- However, in order to benefit from the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act, you must disclose your disability. An employer is only required to provide work-related accommodations if you disclose your disability to the appropriate individuals.
- [U.S Department of Labor Guidance on Youth, Disclosure, and the Workplace](#)
- **Americans with Disabilities Act,**
- The ADA is comprehensive legislation that covers public accommodation and employee/employers' rights with any disability.
- <https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/disability/ada>
- **Disclosing Epilepsy:**
- <https://www.epilepsy.com/living-epilepsy/independent-living/employment/finding-employment>

# College Applications & Scholarships

# College Scholarship Programs for Students with TSC

- **UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program** – Awards 30 scholarships to individuals living with epilepsy, their family members and caregivers pursuing higher education of up to \$5,000 and 3 scholarships of up to \$10,000.
- <https://www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com/>
- **Lime Connect Pathways Scholarship** – \$1,000 scholarship for current high school seniors in the US or Canada graduating in Spring or Summer of 2022 in support of university/college studies. The awards are merit-based but financial need will be taken into consideration. This scholarship is for individuals who have, or consider themselves to have a visible or non-visible disability
  - <https://www.limeconnect.com/programs/page/lime-connect-pathways-scholarship-for-high-school-seniors>

# Additional Scholarship Opportunities

- **Look for scholarships that revolve around your academic and extracurricular activities** – Any academic subjects or activities you participate in likely have scholarships for their participants, from STEM scholarships to debate and athletics! If you can find them, apply! The worst thing that can happen is they say no, and it never hurts to try.
- **Applying for the Scholarship** - Work toward the completion of your application, but don't rush! Have others you trust look over your application and give you any feedback they may have.
- **Submission** – Once you're done, submit it!
- **Waiting** – Most scholarships have a several months-long waiting period before you will hear back on their final decision; patience is key! You will hear back eventually, but in the meantime just rinse and repeat!
- **Other Scholarship Opportunities** - Always be on the lookout for new scholarship opportunities that may apply to you, whenever one comes up that you think may work for you, apply!

# Completing your College Applications

- **Attend Seminars for the Schools You are Considering** – Learn, learn, learn! That's the most you can do while getting ready and through college. Get yourself familiar to the universities you are interested in and choose the one that best fits your lifestyle.
- **Complete your FAFSA** - This will allow your school to find the appropriate amount of student aid to different students, and in some states, completing the FAFSA is an automatic scholarship application for state-sponsored or specific scholarships!
- **Apply!** - If you'd believe it, this is the biggest part when it comes to applying - actually completing the application. If you don't do this, nothing more can happen. The application may seem scary, but it isn't as bad as it seems when you sit down and do it.
- **Reach out to Admissions Counselors** – Admissions Counselors will help you figure out what the best course of action will be for you to earn your degree! They will help you with financial aid, classes and housing. The sooner you reach out, the better!

# Campus Life and Transitioning from High School to College

# Finding the Right School

- **What do YOU want to do?** - This is the best question you can ask yourself through this process, different schools will offer different coursework, extracurricular activities, and larger and smaller student bodies. You need to figure out for yourself what you can do to make the next few years of your life the most beneficial for you and your goals.
- **Finding friends** - While this may seem intimidating, it's really not as difficult as it may seem. High school was the last of the super judgmental clique formations, and while there may continue to be some through college, they won't feel as prominent as they may have felt. Put yourself out there and enjoy the experiences you will have!



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# Job Applications & Transitioning to Employment

# Questions

