



## [About](#)

The Antonio Moran Scholarship seeks to empower students with disabilities to achieve more. About 7.2 million, or 15% of all public-school students aged 3-21 receive some form of special education services. Although students with disabilities might receive some support during their formative years, the financial hardships are the same as any other student and often more difficult to access once they graduate and matriculate to college and 4-year institutions.

## [Qualifications](#)

The Antonio Moran Scholarship is open to any student that identifies as having a disability, and is attending post-secondary schooling and in good academic standing with their college or university (3.0 GPA or higher). Applicant's must be currently enrolled as part or full-time students and provide proof of enrollment. DESI does not discriminate against applicants based on gender, orientation, religion, or sex.

## [For the applicant](#)

We encourage applicants to tell us about themselves and their accomplishments. This a perfect opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to bettering yourself and possibly your community. Are you an active volunteer? An entrepreneur? Creative individual? Show us what makes you, YOU. All applications will be reviewed by a committee chosen by Designated Exceptional Services for Independence that represents its clients, board members and lead staff.



## Application

The Antonio Moran Scholarship application can be found at the following link:

<https://desisocal.org/moran-scholarship/>

In addition to completing the online form, students must include through file uploads the following items:

1. Proof of enrollment
2. Proof of good academic standing with their respective university
3. Resume or CV
4. 500 word or maximum 3-page essay which demonstrates need for the scholarship and answers the following question:

COVID-19 provided an unsettling reality of what can happen at any point in our lives. It presented many challenges for many individuals and marginalized groups. What are some challenges you faced during the COVID-19 pandemic and how have you overcome them? What steps do you think need to be taken to avoid another situation like this?

***Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No applications will be considered after the deadline.***

## Review Criteria

1. Did applicant submit all required materials? Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
2. Does applicant successfully demonstrate need?
3. Is grammar consistent and appropriate?
4. Does applicant fully address the essay prompt within 500 words or 3 pages maximum?

## Funding

Funding for the Antonio Moran Scholarship is made possible through generous support from donors who believe in DESI's mission to empower individuals with disabilities to live independent lives.