APPLICATION FOR THE CRAIG H. NEILSEN FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP 2018
*** DEADLINE MARCH 23, 2018 ***

The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation Scholarship is available to all eligible students with a Spinal Cord Injury who attend or plan to attend the University of Utah as undergraduates or in graduate school. The scholarship is based on each student’s cost of attendance and is intended to cover tuition, books, and fees. In addition, supplemental funds are also available for eligible expenses. The total amount of the scholarship will vary for each specific student. There is a potential for annual renewal of funding.

To be considered for this scholarship, you must complete the following:

Admitted as a current matriculated (degree seeking) student by February 16, 2016.
Registered with the Center for Disability & Access (CDA), and be found eligible for services under the University Americans with Disabilities Act standards in order to be eligible for consideration of scholarships. Please contact CDA to meet with an advisor.
Submit an academic transcript (official or unofficial) from all colleges attended if you are a college student or from your high school if you are an entering freshman. A Degree Dashboard report is acceptable for University of Utah Students. Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA required
Provide one letter of recommendation from someone acquainted with your academic record (not a family member). The individual completing the letter of recommendation may submit the letter themselves to be included with the scholarship application.
Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application. Here is the link: https://fafsa.ed.gov
Submit a typed personal statement to include:
• Your personal history with Spinal Cord Injury, including the cause and level of SCI injury
• Your educational and professional goals
• How you have used your disability as an example in a positive way (this could include information about any volunteer or community service you have participate in)
• Relevant financial need information
• Your educational and professional goals, how you have used your disability as an example in a positive way, what volunteer or community service you have participated in and financial need.

The student may take as many credit hours as desired. Enrolling less than full-time requires approval from CDA. You must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA to remain eligible. Grade point average, financial need, community participation, academic goals, and a letter of recommendation will be considered in the selection process. All applicants will typically be notified by June 15 via email.
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To apply, complete below and submit all materials to:

Scott McAward
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH -CENTER FOR DISABILITY & ACCESS
200 SOUTH CENTRAL CAMPUS DRIVE, UNION 162
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84112-9107
801-581-5020 (Voice) FAX 801-581-5487
Email to: smcaward@sa.utah.edu

Check one:  [ ] Undergraduate Student [ ] Graduate Student

If continuing U of U student, list the most recent semester attended ______________________

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

City State ZIP code ________________________________

Phone (_____) __________________________ U of U ID ________________________________

Email ________________________________

Center for Disability Services Advisor ________________________________

Course of study/major (if known) ________________________________

[ ] In-State Tuition [ ] Out-of-state tuition

Expected semester of graduation ________________________________

Have you received a scholarship before from our office?  If so, which one(s) and year(s)

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By signing this application, I certify under penalty of perjury that I am either a United States citizen or a citizen of another country who is lawfully present within the United States. I understand that the University of Utah is required by law to verify my lawful presence within the United States through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) prior to an award of this scholarship. Once the University submits a student’s information to DHS for verification, this federal agency may have the legal right to share the information with other government agencies.

Signature ________________________________

Date ________________________________

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