

The Shapiro Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship for UCLA Disability Studies

Amounts: \$7,000 (one award or split into two awards)

Criteria: Recipients of the Disability Studies Shapiro Scholarship are selected based on (1) strong academic achievement, (2) commitment to the field of disability studies, and (3) to working as an advocate on issues of importance to the disability community.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must have:

1. 3.0 cumulative GPA;
2. Admitted to the UCLA Disability Studies minor or major*;
3. Completed or currently enrolled in Disability Studies 101W and;
4. Completed or currently enrolled in at least one elective course for the minor or major.

Application Instructions:

1. In a single PDF document, include the following items:
 - a. An essay that highlights the advocacy work you have undertaken with and/or for the disability community, such as projects, initiatives, policy work, or leadership roles, and the impact of that work. Discuss how this advocacy connects to your academic path in Disability Studies, and how you envision applying these experiences to your undergraduate (e.g., internship, capstone research plans) and post-graduate goals.
 - i. Essay must not exceed 500 words (2 double-spaced pages).
 - b. A current resume

Save the pdf in the following format:

- LastName_FirstName_Application.pdf
Ex: Frenk_Julio_Application.pdf

2. Obtain a copy of your unofficial transcript and save it in the following format:
 - LastName_FirstName_Transcript.pdf
Ex: Frenk_Julio_Transcript.pdf
3. Email both files to the Disability Studies Fall Scholarship Committee at Fall_20.m3sas9vdfcas7ij5@u.box.com. Your application materials will be automatically uploaded to a drive once they are received.
4. You will receive a confirmation email for each file when your application materials have been successfully uploaded.

Application Deadline: *Monday, October 19, 2026, at 11:59pm*

***NOTE to non-DS Minors/Majors:** Students who are not yet admitted to the minor or major may submit their application to the minor or major at the same time as their application for the scholarship—but their scholarship application will only be reviewed AFTER admission to the minor or major is confirmed.