



## Financial Assistance Opportunities:

1. **Tuition assistance:** Ready for Life offers need-based aid each year. Ready for Life will make the need-based aid application available to you after admission to the program and again generally prior to each fall semester. Tuition assistance may range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each academic school year.
2. **Michigan Foundation for Exceptional Children Scholarships:** The Michigan Council for Exceptional Children created the Michigan Foundation for Exceptional Children (MFEC) in 2001. This scholarship program is intended to provide support for educational/training opportunities when students are no longer eligible for special education (and Section 504) programs and services provided by public education (i.e., graduation or reaching 26 years of age). Awards can be granted up to \$1,500 and would support anything from transportation, special equipment, tutoring, including tuition. These funds are intended to augment, not replace, funds available through other agencies. More information can be found here: [Michigan Foundation for Exceptional Children](#)
3. **Michigan Rehabilitation Services:** Individual services may be available to you through Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Depending on eligibility, you may be eligible for funding for supplies, accommodations, and tuition assistance for courses that support employment goals. More information can be found here: [MRS For Individuals](#)
4. [Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#), a ThinkCollege.net resource
5. **Ruby's Rainbow:** The goal and mission at Ruby's Rainbow is to grant scholarships to students with Down syndrome who are seeking post-secondary education, including enrichment or vocational classes. More information can be found here: [Ruby's Rainbow](#)
6. **Kate Veldink Scholarship:** Kate Veldink (2020 graduate of RFLA@HC) was a fierce advocate for Ready For Life Academy students having full access to campus life. In May of 2021 Kate passed away following a short battle with cancer. To continue her advocacy efforts, a memorial fund was created in Kate's name by gracious donors. RFL has created the Kate Veldink Scholarship in which each year two Ready For Life students will be awarded \$500 in scholarship money to continue to live out Kate's legacy.