

The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

List of physical disabilities which meet the funding guidelines of The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarships for a student with a physical disability.

DEFINITION: For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Scholarships for students with a Physical Disability a student must have a level of severity of permanent physical disability/impairment which seriously impacts their ability to function as that of an able bodied person. The physical impacts of the condition are not minimized by the use of on-going medication etc in order to control pain which in turn allows the individual to function unimpeded as a non-disabled person.

Examples of a physical disability include:

- Amputation
- Arthritis
- Cerebral Palsy
- Multiple-sclerosis
- Acquired spinal injury (paraplegia or quadriplegia)
- Post-polio syndrome
- Spina Bifida
- Hearing Impairment – diagnosis of moderate/profound hearing loss
- Visual impairment – moderate/profound (qualify as legally blind/is ineligible to hold a Drivers Licence due to visual impairment)
- Other conditions which severely impacts an individual's ability to function in an able-bodied environment.

A physical disability may have existed since birth or it may be the result of an accident, illness, infection, disease, degeneration, medical condition or the result of congenital factors.

A person with a physical disability may require some assistance or the use of equipment to aid with mobility eg, wheelchair, mobility frame, mobility scooter, white cane, guide dog or to improve sensory connectivity et. Cochlear implant, hearing aids.

For a student to be eligible for this scholarship they must have a PHYSICAL disability ONLY. Mental health conditions such as for example, Bi-polar, Schizophrenia etc when coupled with a physical disability excludes the student from eligibility.