

**COURAGEOUS KIDS
SCHOLARSHIP**

**2025-2026 Award Year
Application**

The Donor: Jeff Riechmann

HISTORY OF COURAGEOUS KIDS CLIMBING

Courageous Kids Climbing was organized in Valley County, Idaho, in March of 2014. Larry Morten, owner of the Cascade Climbing Gym, and Jeff Riechmann, a rock-climbing enthusiast, gave birth to the concept while discussing ways in which climbers could give back to the community. Their concept was simple: provide an opportunity for children with special needs to learn how to rock climb and organize the events so that there would be no charge to the children or their families.

Jeff is a retired firefighter from California who lost his hearing due to his position with the fire department. This personal experience fuels his commitment to supporting and recognizing the accomplishments of students with learning challenges.

Purpose

The purpose of the Courageous Kids Scholarship is to recognize Courageous Kids Climbing's association with the University of Idaho and provide annual scholarship support to deserving University of Idaho students with learning differences and needs who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in any field of study.

Award

Scholarships will be announced during the Spring 2025 semester and funds will be dispersed in the following academic school year (FA25-SP26). The award amount is up to \$1,000.

Deadline

5:00 pm, Sunday, March 23, 2025. *Email your completed application to CDAR@uidaho.edu or drop off at Center for Disability Access and Resources (CDAR), Bruce M. Pitman Center, Suite 127.*

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet ALL following criteria to be considered:

1. Be a student with learning differences who is enrolled full-time or part-time in any degree program offered by the University of Idaho.
2. Participate in the University of Idaho Academic Support Programs and/or Center for Disability Access and Resources (CDAR) services.
3. Students demonstrating successful academic achievement in a traditional college environment while overcoming challenges to learning shall be of primary consideration.
4. Submit documentation to verify learning challenges with application.
5. Fully complete the application.
6. Turn in your application packet before March 23, 2025, at 5:00 pm
 - a. Deliver to CDAR@uidaho.edu or drop off at the Center for Disability Access and Resources (CDAR), Bruce M. Pitman Center, Suite 127. Applications received after the deadline may be considered for the award if funding is still available.
 - b. Students whose applications have been turned in on time but are incomplete will be notified and offered the opportunity to complete them.

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This form must be returned to CDAR@uidaho.edu or to Center for Disability Access and Resources (CDAR) in the Bruce M. Pitman Center, Suite 127 by March 23, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Student Information

First and Last Name: _____

University of Idaho V#: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Class Standing:

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

How many credits are you enrolled in for SP25? _____

Check all support services you currently participate in:

- CDAR
- Raven Scholars
- Student Support Services-TRIO
- Tutoring and College Success (Academic Coaching, Tutoring, SI-PASS)
- Student Athlete Support Services

Cumulative GPA: _____

Major: _____

Please describe your academic achievements to date and the impact of your learning challenges on your education:

Please describe how the Courageous Kids Scholarship will assist you in furthering your educational goals:

All applications must be signed and dated:

(Signature)

(Date)