

# O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund

Empowering People with  
Down Syndrome to Pursue  
Postsecondary Education



Zeshan Tabani + Joshua O'Neill

The O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund was established in January 2005 by the O'Neill family to create postsecondary opportunities for people with Down syndrome. Named after their son Joshua, who happens to have Down syndrome, and his friend Zeshan Tabani, the Fund has been able to provide scholarships to more than **110 people** in the last **10 years**.

**The mission of the O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund is to offer financial assistance to young adults with Down syndrome – 18 and older – who are continuing to enrich their lives by taking classes or enrolling in postsecondary educational programs.**

## Post-secondary Facts:

- There are 240 college programs for students with intellectual disabilities
- Inclusive higher education opportunities for student with Down syndrome have gained tremendous strides in the past few years
- Benefits to students with Down syndrome, like with any college student, include expanding social networks and increased employment options
- Some student take academic classes for credit while others take classes informally
- All students can learn and benefit from the opportunity to attend college!

In 2015, the O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund awarded **21 grants** to students in 16 states

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