

Organization for Autism Research Schwallie Family Scholarship Competition

Closes: 04/30/2010

Maximum: \$3,000

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Schwallie Family Scholarship Competition to support qualified individuals with autism or Asperger Syndrome residing in the United States pursuing post-secondary education. OAR will present a total of 7 awards of \$3,000 each across three categories: 1) Four-year undergraduate college or university; 2) Two-year undergraduate college, and; 3) Trade, technical or vocational school. These will be one-time awards for any recipient.

The application period for Fall 2010 will begin on January 1, 2010. Applications are due no later than April 30, 2010.

Eligibility: Any individual with an established autism or Asperger Syndrome diagnosis and who will be attending an accredited institution of higher education in the United States for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011 semesters is eligible to apply. Eligible individuals need to be enrolled on at least a part-time basis (6 credits) or be working toward certification or accreditation in a particular field (e.g., studying to be a paralegal). Past recipients of a Schwallie Family Scholarship or immediate family members of any person serving on OAR's Board of Directors or Scientific Council are not eligible to apply.

Application: Individuals interested in applying for the Schwallie Family Scholarship must submit three (3) copies of the completed application packet which includes:

1. A completed Application Form downloadable from the OAR website
2. Documentation of status as a person on the autism spectrum;
3. Documentation of acceptance or attendance at a qualifying institution;
4. One written Letter of Recommendation from someone other than a family member, who is familiar with the individual's potential to complete the required coursework; and
5. An autobiographical essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, including your reasons for applying for the Schwallie Family Scholarship. Please note that the essay is expected to be solely the work of the applicant and not that of family members or other involved parties.

DO NOT enclose any additional items. Examples of items that will not be accepted are: photographs, report cards, SAT scores, home videos, newspaper articles, etc.

You can use this checklist to assist you in completing your application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Application Mailing Address: Applicants should send all required materials to:

Organization for Autism Research
Attn: Schwallie Family Scholarship
2000 N. 14th Street, Suite 710
Arlington, VA 22201

Hard copy applications sent by U.S. mail or other delivery services must have a postmark date of April 30, 2010, or before.

Review: All completed applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of least three people that will include a representative from the Schwallie family, OAR, and an individual on the autism spectrum.

Factors including originality of content, financial need, previous challenges overcome, and any stated future aspirations may be considered by the review committee in making its decision. OAR will announce the scholarship awards on July 23 2010, and award the funds for the following academic year by August 13, 2010.

Link: <http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp>