



2015 College Scholarship Application Guidelines

- ❖ Applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - Currently enrolled or in the process of enrolling at a college or university for the Summer 2015 or Fall 2015 semester.
 - Both online and on-campus programs are acceptable
 - Have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder (medical or educational).
 - Have a high school diploma, the equivalent to a high school diploma (i.e. GED or IEP diploma, etc.), or will obtain a high school diploma or equivalent by Summer 2015.
 - Demonstrate financial need.
 - The permanent address of the applicant must be within Clinton, Franklin, and Essex counties for at least one year. Students who have a permanent address within these counties, but who are attending school elsewhere are still eligible for the scholarships.
- ❖ Three scholarships will be awarded in total:
 - Two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 (each) will be awarded to two (different) full-time students.
 - One scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to one part-time student.
- ❖ Scholarships monies must be used toward college related expenses. Monies will be made available through direct payment to the college.
 - College related expenses may include, but are not limited to:
 - Tuition & College Fees
 - Room & Board
 - Books
 - Technology (i.e. laptop, software, hardware, etc.)
 - Academic supports and supplies
- ❖ Scholarships are not to be used for costs of daily living (i.e. groceries, gas, clothing, etc.) or other non-academic materials.
- ❖ All requests will be reviewed by the Grant Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- ❖ Autism Alliance of Northeastern NY is not bound to approve funds for all scholarship applicants. It also reserves the right to deny a scholarship application.

Send completed application postmarked on or before July 17, 2015 to:

Autism Alliance of Northeastern NY
Attn: Grants
P.O. Box 1884
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Please e-mail the grant committee with any questions at grants@aaneny.org.



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Applicant's Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

High School / Date of Graduation:

College / Major / Start Date:

Type of enrollment:

Full Time / Part Time / Waitlist / Undecided

In your own words, write one essay (100-500 words) answering **AT LEAST 3** of the following questions:

- What does the college experience mean to you?
- What are your strengths and challenges (both academically and socially)?
- What does Autism mean to you?
- What do you hope to learn in college (both academically and socially)?
- What part of the college experience are you most excited about experiencing?
- What is your intended Major and why did you choose it?
- What are your career goals and how will the college experience help you reach those goals?
- In what community service groups or organizations have you been actively involved?
- In what extracurricular activities have you been involved?

Please include a copy of the following documentation with your application:

- Diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder
- Residency
- High school diploma or equivalent (*Please send upon receiving*)
- Acceptance letter from the college/university you plan to attend (*Please send upon receiving*)
- Typed or handwritten essay
- Completed FASFA Application
- Letter of Recommendation – **at least 1** (*Academic letters are preferred, but personal letters will be accepted*)

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:
(If under 18)

Date:

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