

## **Autism Society of Iowa College Scholarship Program Application**

The Autism Society of Iowa has four different scholarship opportunities:

### **1. The Zach Paulsen Memorial Scholarship For Students With Autism Disorders**

Zachary Paulsen was born with a desire to know how things worked. He loved to know how things were put together and why they worked. He loved to repair bicycles, lawn mowers, snow blowers, and motors of any kind. He also “loved” tools. Zach graduated and received a degree from WyoTech in Laramie, Wyoming in Diesel Technology. His desire was to work with large machinery. Zach’s life was cut short at the age of 21 but all that knew him would agree that he could go anywhere he wanted with his amazing ability to repair just about anything.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WITH THE DESIRE TO STUDY in Automotive Technology, Collision Refinishing, Diesel Technology, Marine Technology, Motorcycle Technology, HVAC or Plumbing & Heating fields.

### **2. A scholarship for a student who resides in Iowa, who is on the autism spectrum.**

### **3. The Sue Baker Memorial Scholarship** - For a student, who resides in Iowa, who will work in the field of autism upon completion of their post-secondary education.

### **4. The Robert and Clarice Burkgren Honorable Scholarship** - For an existing college or graduate student, who resides in Iowa, who is currently in a field of study to assist those with autism spectrum disorders upon graduation, or is currently working in the field while obtaining an advanced degree.

The Autism Society of Iowa Scholarship Program, administered by the Autism Society of Iowa, provides the following scholarship(s) in the minimum amount of \$500 to be applied toward the completion of an accredited, post-secondary educational or vocational program of study (e.g., college, trade school, etc.). Applicants may self-nominate for these awards. Applicants must provide the following required information to be considered by the Autism Society of Iowa Awards Committee. Clearly state which scholarship you are applying for.

### **1) The Zach Paulsen Memorial Scholarship For Students With Autism Disorders and 2) Qualified Individual(s) with an Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Required Information:

- A cover page with the name of the applicant, address, phone number, and e-mail address
- Documentation of status as an individual with an autism spectrum disorder
- Documentation of acceptance into an accredited, post-secondary educational, or vocational program of study
- Two letters of reference
- Personal statement, of no more than 500 words, with attention to the following questions:
  - What do you plan to study?
  - What is your greatest accomplishment?
  - What do you hope to accomplish in the future?
  - Why do you deserve this scholarship?

**3) The Sue Baker Memorial Scholarship: Qualified Individual(s) desiring to work with persons with autism spectrum disorders following graduation.**

Required Information:

- A cover page with the name of the applicant, address, day phone number, and e-mail address
- Secondary school transcripts
- Documentation of acceptance into an accredited, post-secondary educational or vocational program of study
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement, of no more than 500 words, outlining the applicant's qualifications, with attention to the following questions:
  - Do you have an anticipated field of study?
  - What are your future goals and aspirations to assist those with Autism Spectrum Disorders in this field?
  - Do you have previous experience with persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and if so, please explain.

**4) The Robert and Clarice Burkgren Honorable Scholarship: Qualified individual(s) desiring to work, or currently working with those with autism spectrum disorders.**

Required Information:

- A cover page with the name of the applicant, address, day phone number, and e-mail address
- College transcripts
- Documentation of acceptance into an accredited, post-secondary educational or advanced degree program of study
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement, of no more than 500 words, outlining the applicant's qualifications, with attention to the following questions:
  - Do you have an anticipated field of study?
  - What are your future goals and aspirations to assist those with Autism Spectrum Disorders in this field?
  - Do you have previous experience with persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders? If so, please explain.

**Deadline is March 1**

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