

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

The Autism Society of Iowa has developed a scholarship program with three types of scholarships:

1. One for a student, who resides in Iowa, who is on the autism spectrum and
2. One for a student, who resides in Iowa, who will work in the field of autism upon completion of their post-secondary education. This Scholarship is the Sue Baker Memorial Scholarship.
3. One 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. This scholarship is the Robert and Clarice Burkgren Honorable Scholarship.

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.

### **1) 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?

### **2) 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.

**3) 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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