



Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Each year, Autism Delaware funds the following scholarship opportunities:

- The Daniel and Lois Gray Memorial Scholarship, for students at the University of Delaware who are pursuing a career related to autism in the state of Delaware;
- The Adult with Autism Scholarship, for adults with autism spectrum disorder who live in the state of Delaware and who are pursuing college or another post-secondary educational experience; and
- The Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship, for practicing Delaware teachers pursuing an autism certification.

A committee comprised of Autism Delaware staff and Board members reviews all applications and makes decisions on an annual basis. Funds are dispersed to the winners' educational institutions in June, to be applied toward the following semester; and the awards are formally acknowledged at the annual Autism Delaware Volunteer Award Dinner.

The Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship was created to provide financial support for practicing teachers in Delaware's public and charter schools who wish to pursue an autism certification.

Applications are competitive and the number of scholarships available depends upon the amount of funding available and the assessment of the scholarship review committee. The amount of the Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship is typically \$1,000.

The deadline for 2021 applications is midnight on April 30, 2021.

Who is eligible for the Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship?

Any current teacher in a Delaware public or charter school who

- Is currently working with students with autism spectrum disorder in an educational environment
- Has been employed full time in a school environment for at least one full school year
- Has been accepted into an autism certification program of study at a Delaware institution of higher learning

How do I apply for the Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship?

A completed application for this award includes

- A cover letter describing your experience with exceptional students in general (and students with autism in particular) and your plans for the future
- A current curriculum vitae or resume
- A letter of support from your principal, special education director or other appropriate official from your current place of employment

Completed application materials should be sent via email to liz.carlisle@delautism.org by the application deadline, shown above. For questions or concerns, call 302-224-6020, ext. 208.