



## **Adults with Autism Scholarship for the 2023-2024 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 Adults with Autism Scholarship was created to provide financial support for eligible adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) who are pursuing a post-secondary education. 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 Adult with Autism Scholarship is typically \$1,000.

**The deadline for 2023-2024 applications is midnight on April 28, 2023.**

### **Who is eligible for the Adult with Autism Scholarship?**

*Any Delaware resident student with autism spectrum disorder who*

- Has completed high school or earned a GED and possesses the capacity to complete a post-secondary program
- Has been accepted into a post-secondary program (such as college, university, community college, trade school, or vocational training or educational program)

### **How do I apply for the Adult with Autism Scholarship?**

*A completed application for this award includes*

- A cover letter describing why you are pursuing post-secondary education and your plans for employment once you complete the program
- A current resume
- A transcript or other documentation that indicates graduation from high school or completion of a GED
- An explanation of your support system and how it ensures the successful completion of a post-secondary program
- Evidence that you have ASD
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or other school official

Completed application materials should be sent via email to [liz.carlisle@autismdelaware.org](mailto:liz.carlisle@autismdelaware.org) by the application deadline, shown above. For questions or concerns, call 302-224-6020, ext. 208.