



Daniel and Lois Gray Memorial 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 Gray Memorial Scholarship was created to provide financial support for students who are enrolled at the University of Delaware and who intend to work in an autism-related field in Delaware. 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 Gray Memorial Scholarship is typically \$1,000.

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

Who is eligible for the Daniel and Lois Gray Memorial Scholarship?

- Full-time undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Delaware
- Students who are majoring in special education, psychology, linguistics, or speech pathology (or related majors), with a special interest in autism spectrum disorder
- Students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0

Note: Student financial need is considered.

The Gray Memorial Scholarship is not available to students who are graduating from high school and enrolled at the University of Delaware the following academic year. However, we encourage them to apply once they have declared a major in a course of study that will lead to a career working in an autism-related field.

How do I apply for the Daniel and Lois Gray Memorial Scholarship?

A completed application for this award includes

- A cover letter listing:
 - Your full name
 - Campus and permanent mailing addresses, phone number, email address
 - The college in which you are currently enrolled
 - Your current status (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate)
 - Major and minor courses of study
 - Your expected degree
 - Your expected graduation date
 - The number of credits you plan to take during the 2023-2024 academic year
 - Whether you have filed a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA)

- A brief description of your career and personal goals specific to the field of autism
- A list of your college activities and involvement in student organizations, as well as honors achieved
- A faculty recommendation
- An official university transcript

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