



### **2018 Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship Opportunity**

Each year, Autism Delaware funds a few scholarship opportunities, including the Daniel and Lois Gray Memorial Scholarship (for students at the University of Delaware pursuing a career related to autism), the Adult with Autism Scholarship (for adults with autism spectrum disorder who live in the state of Delaware and are pursuing college or another secondary educational experience), and the Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship. 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 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 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 2018 applications is midnight on April 16, 2018.**

#### **Who is eligible for the Autism Teacher Certification Scholarship?**

*Any current educator in a state of 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 [Teresa.avery@delautism.org](mailto:Teresa.avery@delautism.org) by the application deadline, shown above.

*Note: Immediate family members of current Autism Delaware staff and Board of Directors members are not eligible to apply.*