



OAR Awards Scholarships to 38 Students with Autism

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) takes great pleasure in announcing the recipients of the Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships and Schwallie Family Scholarships for 2016. The two scholarships attracted over 400 applicants and the 38 awards total \$114,000. Through this program, OAR has now provided scholarships to 229 students with autism diagnoses – a total financial contribution of \$698,500 since the program started in 2007.

Both scholarships provide one-time \$3,000 awards to students with autism diagnoses pursuing post-secondary education at a variety of different institutions. This year, OAR is awarding 20 Schwallie Family Scholarships to students attending four-year and two-year colleges. OAR is awarding Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships to 18 students, who will be attending four-year or two-year colleges, vocational/technical schools, or co-operative life skills programs. To be eligible for one of the scholarships, an applicant must have a confirmed autism diagnosis (DSM-IV or later), be accepted for enrollment in the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters, and submit three short personal essays along with an application form and recommendation letter.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship

Baylee Amanda Barradas, First Place Transition Academy

Jaden T. Battle, St. Augustine's University

Breanna Bogucki, Harper College

Anthony Nicholas Carpenter, Eastern Kentucky University

Kacey Christy-Thompson, Capitol Technology University

Joshua Fielding-Singh, Chapel Haven West

Alexander F. Garcia, New York Institute of Technology Vocational Independence Program

Reese Lackey, Lifestyles Launch Program

Michael Tyler LeBlanc, Appalachian State University

David Lieberman, The College Experience Program at the College of St. Rose

Daniel Model, St. Louis Community College

Elijah Mueller, AAS Recording and Music Technology Program at Madison Media Institute

Adam Salomon, Millersville University Career and Life Studies Program

Isabel Shandler, Mason LIFE Program at George Mason University

Isaac Stancil, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Scott Townlian, Evangel University
Jon Jameson Velier, College Internship Program (CIP) – Berkeley Center
Hannah F. Woodruff, Millersville University Career and Life Studies Program

Schwallie Family Scholarship

Spencer H. Agabiti, Raritan Valley Community College
Lauren Danielle Bailey, Northern Illinois University
Brooke Barnhouse, Shawnee State University
Justin Charette, Iowa State University
Vassilios Dedes, St. John's University – Queens Campus
Elaina Fiona Fernandez, University of Montevallo
Jory Fleming, University of South Carolina
Alexis Fletcher, Doane College
Fiona Grace Johnson, Troy University
Alexander Matthew Klusman, Oakland University
Garrett Lees, California State University, Northridge
Erica Loughner, Cedarville University
Dennis Mader, University of Mount Union
Briana McHugh, Germanna Community College
Rebekah Mullins, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Bradford Newton, Landmark College
Mallory Lee Risinger, Mississippi State University
James Taniguchi, University of California, San Diego
Andrew Thomas Wallace, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Aaron M. Zajac, Texas A&M University

OAR congratulates each of the 38 recipients listed and extends its gratitude once again to the Lisa Higgins Hussman Foundation and the Schwallie Family Foundation. These scholarships would not be possible without their generous support.

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national nonprofit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at their Web site: www.researchautism.org.

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