



OAR Awards More Than \$1 Million in Scholarships Since 2007

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research ([OAR](#)) takes joy in announcing the 2019 recipients of the Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships and Schwallie Family Scholarships. This year, these two scholarships attracted over 700 applicants, and the 38 awards total \$114,000. Through this program, OAR has provided 356 scholarships, maintaining its commitment to furthering the education of remarkable and determined students on the autism spectrum since its start in 2007. OAR is proud to announce that the 2019 awardees have brought its total financial contribution to scholarships over the million-dollar mark, equaling \$1,068,000 in its awards to recipients.

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, and 18 Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships to students attending two-year colleges, vocational/technical schools, or co-operative life skills programs. The recipients of these highly competitive scholarship awards are individuals who have been chosen for their profound demonstration of their ability to overcome personal challenges in pursuit of their ambitions. In order 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 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters, and submit three short personal essays along with an application form and recommendation letter.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients.

Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship

Matthew Abernathy, Coastal Carolina University

Brian Bouton, Shephards College

Elliott Bowman, Hobart Institute of Welding Technology

Abigail Buhain, The College of Saint Scholastica

Benjamin Carter, Shepherd's College

James C. Daly, Wabash College
Alexander Drabek, University of Toledo
Paul Ferguson, Barnabas Prep
Ernest Freeman III, University of North Carolina - Greensboro
Finnian Gott, Ohio State University
Michael Gresko, Automotive Training Center
Jamarkus Hall, College of Charleston
John McMichael, Ohio State University
Jordan E. Middleton, CarolinaLIFE Program at University of South Carolina
Seth Novak, University of North Carolina
Dominic Rodriguez, Shepherds College
Gabriel Rothman, University of Delaware
Adam Weber, University of Iowa REACH

Schwallie Family Scholarship

Saige Barlow, Utah State University
Tatiana Castillo, Arcadia University
John Cummings, Seton Hall University
Jason Dine, Columbus State University
Abigail FitzGibbon, Mills College
Kelle S. Grau, Florida Southwestern State / Florida Gulf Coast University
Noah Gumushian, Marquette University
Ashley Hafeli, Eastern Michigan University
Jennifer Harrell, Broward College
Kendall Haselwood, University of North Florida
Nathan A. Katzman, University of Michigan
Allie Lauren Lew, University of Colorado Boulder
Joshua J. Mack, Trident Technical College
Connor Michael McNally, Butler University
Dylan O'Connor, Daemen College
Chloe Rankin, University of California, Davis
Madeline Schramm, Xavier University
Nicolas Ward, Alexandria Tech
Easton M. Williams, Concordia University – Wisconsin
Andrew Wojtas, Salem State 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.

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