



## OAR Awards Scholarships to 49 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 2018. The two scholarships attracted over 500 applicants, and the 49 awards total \$147,000. Through this program, OAR has now provided scholarships to 318 students with autism diagnoses – a total financial contribution of \$954,000 since the program started in 2007.

This year's edition of OAR's scholarship competition saw an increase of 11 Schwallie Family Scholarships to award. 10 of the additional scholarships are due to the generosity of the Schwallie family. The 11th bonus scholarship was funded by Gabriella Hoffman, a 12-year-old girl with autism who raised money by creating and selling essential oils. Hoffman raised \$3,220 through her business, "Oil My Goodness," to sponsor an OAR scholarship.

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 31 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 2018 and Spring 2019 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

**Morgan Barton**, George Mason University

**Justus Budde**, Waukesha County Technical College

**Lelon "Russell" Bulluck**, Beyond Academics at University of North Carolina, Greensboro

**Darryl Carter**, Wharton Junior College

**Matt Delacy**, Elmhurst College

**Benjamin Dynes**, Otis College of Art and Design

Dawson Franklin, Ridgewater College  
Harley Glick, Palm Beach State College  
Isaac Kimbrough, Jr., Wallace Community College  
Sean Knobbe, Elmhurst College  
Ernest “Trey” Long, Montgomery College  
Jared A. McGhee, On Campus Transitions Program at University of North Florida  
Sonny O’Callaghan, Harrisburg Area Community College  
Hunter Primmer, TOPS at Ohio State University  
Sterling Ramsey, University of South Florida Learning Academy  
Dylan Somberg, Farber Soul Center  
Emily Tharp, Slippery Rock University  
Celeste Vandiver, Northwest Shoals Community College

Schwallie Family Scholarship

Sean Patrick Bentley, Saint Anselm College  
Andrew Bergantz, Washington University  
Basia Czajkowski, St. Mary’s College  
Adrian DeSimone, University of Connecticut  
Mia Dubin, Towson University  
Caroline Brooke Flunker, Agnes Scott College  
Harrison Hall, Trinity University  
Ethan Harris, Defiance College  
Lily Haynes, Stevens Institute of Technology  
Teal Kim, Mount Holyoke College  
Elias Kott, St. Bonaventure University  
Jonathan Kratchman, Rutgers University  
Jaxson Lamb, Fox Valley Technical College  
Hannah Langkamer-Smith, Temple University  
Kylie Mae Linn, California State University – Channel Islands  
Sutherland Nguyen, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Christopher Ospina, State University of New York at Farmingdale  
Michael Paone, County College of Morris  
Aversa Prentosito, Miami University  
Ciaran Roberts-Osterberg, Berklee College of Music  
Alexander Rosa, College of New Jersey  
William Brownrigg Spray, Hamline University  
Adam M. Stetson, Eastern Maine Community College  
Elijah Scott Stone, Sinclair Community College  
Michael S. Strano, SUNY New Paltz

**Maximilian Wentz-Fischer**, Salem State University  
**Terrance Werho**, Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Amanda Marie Wisk**, West Chester University  
**Alice Ying Wu**, University of Pittsburgh  
**Lauren Zeigler**, Florida Institute of Technology  
**Mattie Zimmer**, Loyola University of New Orleans

OAR congratulates each of the 49 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](http://www.researchautism.org).