



OAR Announces 2020 Scholarship Recipients

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research ([OAR](#)) is pleased to announce the 2020 recipients of the Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships and Schwallie Family Scholarships. This year, these two scholarships attracted over 600 applicants, and the 33 awards total \$103,000. Through this program, OAR has provided 389 scholarships, maintaining its commitment to furthering the education of remarkable and determined students on the autism spectrum since its start in 2007. With these additional scholarships, OAR has awarded a total financial contribution of more than \$1,170,000 to 389 students with autism since the program began.

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 13 Schwallie Family Scholarships to students attending four-year and two-year colleges, and 20 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 demonstrated their ability to overcome personal challenges in pursuit of their ambitions.

Thanks to the generosity and support of ONEHOPE Wine, OAR and ONEHOPE were pleased to introduce the first ONEHOPE Awards, \$5,000 each, to the one applicant in each scholarship program whose personal story most inspired the respective scholarship committee. The first ONEHOPE Awards went to Alexander Rowan from Tomah, WI, a recipient of the Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship, and Samantha Harker from Anaheim, CA, a Schwallie Family Scholarship winner.

In order to be eligible for one of the scholarships, an applicant must have a confirmed autism diagnosis, be accepted for enrollment in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 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

Faith Anderson, UCLA Extension/Pathway - Los Angeles, California
Maverick Belcher, Colorado State University of Pueblo - Pueblo, Colorado
James Cochran, University of Oklahoma - Norman, Oklahoma
Patrick Costello, Riverview School - East Sandwich, Massachusetts
Lauren Cox, Ancilla College - Donaldson, Indiana
Brock Huebner, Hocking College - Nelsonville, Ohio
Dylan Imel, Richland Community College - Decatur, Illinois
Jayson Jean-Louis, University of Missouri - St. Louis, Missouri
Jeremiah Josey, Culinary Institute of America - Hyde Park, New York
Josh Karol, College Living Experience - Davie, Florida
Alex Luu, Howard Community College - Columbia, Maryland
Cassidy Malcolm, First Place - Phoenix, Arizona
Alexander May, Coastal Carolina University - Conway, South Carolina
Mishaela Pedersen, Indian Hills Community College - Ottumwa, Iowa
Dorian Perez, Long Beach Community College - Long Beach, California
Michael Potter, Minnesota West Community and Technical College - Jackson, Minnesota
Alexander Rowan, Shepherds College - Union Grove, Wisconsin (ONEHOPE winner)
Lawrence Sapp, University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, Ohio
Evan Anthony Wallace, University of Iowa REACH Program - Iowa City, Iowa
Owen Zellner, Hobart Institute for Welding Technology - Troy, Ohio

Schwallie Family Scholarship

Walter Arimokwu, Texas State University - San Marcos, Texas
Ara Bakhteyar, Columbia University - New York, New York
Drew Cox, Loyola Marymount University - Los Angeles, California
Lauren Delfunt, The Ohio State University - Columbus, Ohio
Adam Garozzo, Rowan University - Glassboro, New Jersey
Brad Greissman, Adelphi University - Garden City, New York
Samantha Harker, St. Louis College of Pharmacy - St. Louis, Missouri (ONEHOPE winner)
Peter Larrabee, Salt Lake Community College - Salt Lake City, Utah
Eli Marken, West Chester University - West Chester, Pennsylvania
Jacob Norton, Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale, Virginia
Jacob Saari, Lake Superior College - Duluth, Minnesota
Carter Talbert, University of North Florida - Jacksonville, Florida
Jacob Turner, Elim Bible Institute & College - Lima, New York

OAR congratulates each of the 33 recipients listed and extends its gratitude once again to the

Lisa Higgins Hussman Foundation, the Schwallie Family Foundation, and ONEHOPE Wine. These scholarships would not be possible without their generous support. Every year, OAR's scholarship awards help students with autism pursue their educational goals. Applications for next year's scholarship competition will open in December 2020; more information, including the link to the application portal once it opens, can be found on [OAR's Scholarship Page](#).

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