Scholarship Program Proof of Diagnosis Checklist

OAR requires documentation of an autism diagnosis for all finalists for its scholarship programs. It can come in several forms, as noted below. OAR evaluates each candidate’s documentation on a case-by-case basis. Candidates are encouraged to locate their documentation early in the event you become a finalist.

**What types of documents are most helpful?**

- Original diagnostic evaluation reports
- Diagnostic re-evaluations
- Triennial IEP evaluations that include testing

Please note that treatment plans, general medical records, and doctor’s notes/summaries are typically not considered sufficient proof of diagnosis.

**What information must be included in the document?**

- Diagnosing medical professional’s name and academic letters (ex. Ph.D., M.D., or Psy.D.)
- DSM or ICD diagnosis name & number (ex. Autism Spectrum Disorder, 299.00; Autistic disorder, F84.0)
- Tools and tests used to determine diagnosis and any scores (ex. ADOS, CARS, Vineland, psychiatric examination)
- Date of diagnosis or report (must be prior to the application deadline)
- Diagnosing medical professional’s signature