



OAR Announces 2022 Scholarship Recipients

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is pleased to announce the 2022 recipients of the Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships, Schwallie Family Scholarships, and the Synchrony Scholarships for Autistic Students of Color. This year, from a pool of 783 applicants, 63 scholarships were awarded totaling \$191,500. Through this program, OAR has provided 503 scholarships, maintaining its commitment to furthering the education of remarkable and determined autistic students since 2007. With these additional scholarships, OAR has awarded a total financial contribution of more than \$1,522,500 since the program began.

Each of the scholarships provides a one-time \$3,000 award to students with autism diagnoses pursuing post-secondary education at a variety of institutions. This year, OAR is awarding 24 Schwallie Family Scholarships to students attending four-year and two-year colleges, 23 Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships to students attending two-year colleges, vocational/technical schools, or cooperative life skills programs, and 16 Synchrony scholarships to students of racial and ethnic minority backgrounds attending post-secondary education. The recipients of these highly competitive scholarship awards are individuals who have demonstrated their ability to overcome personal challenges in pursuit of their ambitions.

“It is an honor to award this year’s Hussman scholarship winners,” says Lisa Hussman, president of the Lisa Higgins Hussman Foundation. “They are truly deserving, and I wish them much success.”

Cathy Schwallie Farmer, chair of the Schwallie Family Scholarships, put it best: “This year's application pool was the best we have seen yet! The students have had tough journeys dealing with their autism from both a social and academic perspective. They all persevered, ultimately getting accepted into top schools and programs, all following personal passions. The Schwallie

Family is honored to continue to support these worthy neurodiverse scholarship student winners.”

Denise Yap, President of the Synchrony Foundation stated: “Autistic students of color continue to be underdiagnosed and under-resourced. Synchrony and its employee resource group, the People with Disabilities Network, are proud to support the Organization for Autism Research, helping these exceptional students pursue their academic goals and shining a light on this well-deserving community.”

Thanks to the generosity and support of ONEHOPE Wine, OAR and ONEHOPE were pleased to continue the ONEHOPE Award program for a second time. This year, ONEHOPE Awards provided \$5,000 each to the top two applicants in each scholarship program whose personal stories most inspired the respective scholarship committee.

OAR congratulates each of the [63 scholarship recipients](#) and extends its gratitude once again to the Lisa Higgins Hussman Foundation, the Schwallie Family Foundation, the Synchrony Foundation, and ONEHOPE Wine. These scholarships would not be possible without their generous support.

OAR’s annual scholarship awards help autistic students pursue their educational goals. The next application period will begin in December 2022; more information, including the link to the application portal once it opens, can be found on [OAR’s Scholarship Page](#).

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national non-profit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. 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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