



Suzanne Tyner Autism Scholarship

About the Suzanne Tyner Autism Scholarship Program

Bob and Suzy Tyner founded the GLCA in 2004 to assist local individuals and families touched by autism and provide better access to programs and services. To build on their work and further our mission of growing the opportunities, future, and lives for all individuals with autism, we are excited to introduce the Suzanne Tyner Autism Scholarship program. This program will provide scholarship assistance for local families so they may access critical programs, support, or equipment.

Scholarship Process

Suzanne Tyner Autism Scholarships were created to provide financial assistance to offset costs for families seeking interventions, assessments, education, equipment, etc... not covered by insurance or traditional grants. This can include (but is not limited to): early intervention programs, assessments/testing not covered by insurance, social skills programs, college support programs, transition to employment programs, touch devices, and recreational activities. Scholarships awarded will be dependent on current funds available, yearly fundraising activities, and number of qualified applicants.

The GLCA scholarship committee will review all qualified and complete applications and make decisions based on the financial need of each applicant. If amount requested by qualified applicants exceeds amount of funding available, households with multiple autism diagnosis will have priority. Additionally, the GLCA scholarship committee reserves the right to use a lottery system between equally qualified applicants if needed. Applications not being funded may be considered for next review date when additional funding is available. Any application that is denied will receive a letter regarding the decision. All decisions are final. The Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism committee will sign a confidentiality agreement before reviewing and will not share any information on applications without applicants written authorization.

Scholarship awards are not to be considered a recommendation as to the appropriateness or safety of a particular service or piece of equipment for each applicant. Each family is strongly urged to consult with their physician, therapists, and or educators regarding the choice and use of a particular service, program, or equipment.

Amount Requested

Scholarship requests can be made up to \$500 for equipment, camps, social clubs, etc.... Scholarships for intensive early intervention programs, ongoing educational support, college supports, etc.. can be made for up to \$1500. Once recipients of grants have been approved, funds will be available within 4 weeks. At this time, multi-year requests will not be considered and scholarship recipients must re-apply each open cycle.

Scholarship payments will be made directly to the treatment provider, program, school, or vendor.

Applicants must provide following documentation to be considered:

- ◆ Verification of autism diagnosis from M.D. or D.O
- ◆ Copy of previous years tax return (social security number may be blacked out)
- ◆ Documentation showing cost of program, service, equipment, for which you are seeking scholarship
- ◆ Documentation showing applicant enrollment of program or service (if applicable) and a contact name
- ◆ Your family story or situation and why you are applying for the Suzanne Tyner Autism Scholarship

Scholarship Deadline:

Applications will accepted at any time, however the committee will only meet and review applications quarterly: March 15th, June 15th, September 15th, and December 15th. Upon review, funds for those awarded will be available within 45 days.

Applications must be completed, in full, with all required documentation and emailed to:
charding@greatlakesautism.org

or **submitted to:**

Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism
Attn: Scholarship Committee
2040 W. Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43606

How did you hear about the Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism? _____

General Information

Does your household have more than one individuals diagnosed with autism? _____

If yes, please indicate the age of each individual diagnosed with autism in your household:

Applicant Name (individual with autism)

Applicants birthday

Guardian Name (if applicable)

Relationship to applicant

Street Address

City

State

Zip code

Email

Phone Number

Scholarship Request

Program, Service, Equipment, etc.. Scholarship will help fund

Scholarship Request Amount

Total Cost

Please provide any other sources of funding that will contribute to total cost or have refused to cover portions of total cost (i.e. any insurance payment or denials, grant awards or denials, etc...):

Your Story

On an additional page, please share your family story or situation and why you are applying for the Suzanne Tyner Autism Scholarship. Please include details specific to the individual with autism (i.e. age of diagnosis, challenges, successes, etc.), your family, and about the specific program, service, or support you are requesting and how it will make an impact. Please feel free to include pictures if you would like! (not required)

Applicant Checklist:

- Copy of signed diagnosis by M.D. or D.O.
- Previous years tax return
- Documentation showing cost of what you are requesting scholarship to support
- Document showing enrollment in program/service (if applicable) along with contact name
- Your family story

Authorization:

I hereby authorize the GLCA to verify any/all information I have supplied in this application.

Authorized Signature

Relationship to applicant

Date

Release and Authorization for use of Image/Story

The Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism would like to use Scholarship recipient stories to show the impact in our community. This includes but is not limited to: social media, website, brochures, and fundraising activities.

I grant the Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism permission to use:

- our picture
- our family story using first names
- Our family story **without** any names

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature _____ Date _____