

# 2016 Scholarship Awards Program



Applications Open 2/22/2016 – 3/31/2016

The Autism Society Ventura County is proud to announce this year's **ASVC Scholarship Awards Program** offering individual awards from \$500 - \$1000. A maximum of \$3000 in scholarship awards will be presented.

## Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- A. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 from the last two years of school (high school , trade school or 2 year college), a total family annual income less than \$100,000, and plan to attend a 2 year or 4 year college or technical school full-time (*12 units or more*) beginning September 2016. Applicants must be 17-25 years of age, have resided in Ventura County for at least four years, and have a verifiable Autism Spectrum diagnosis. Prior to ASVC publicly announcing awardees, diagnostic and financial information will be requested from selected award recipients.
- B. Applications must be **postmarked by March 31, 2016**. Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee consisting of volunteer ASVC Board members. The scholarship winners will be announced in April 2016. Before scholarships are awarded, verification of enrollment at an accredited 2 or 4 year institution will be required. Scholarship funds will be paid in June 2016 directly to the college or institution.
- C. Applications must include the following:
  1. Completed application form.
  2. Essay written by the applicant addressing how Autism has shaped the student's life.
  3. Two letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher or school counselor addressing the student's educational aptitude. Letters should not be from relatives and should not exceed one page.
  4. Transcripts from the last two years of school demonstrating a minimum 3.0 GPA

Mail one copy of a completed typed application package to:  
(*This includes application with essay, two letters of recommendation,  
and school transcript.*)

Autism Society Ventura County  
ASVC Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1558  
Camarillo, CA 93011

Applications may be downloaded from the ASVC website at [www.AutismVentura.org](http://www.AutismVentura.org)

Please submit any questions to: [Admin@AutismVentura.org](mailto:Admin@AutismVentura.org) or call (805) 496-1632

Please <b>type</b> your answers	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Resident of Ventura County for _____ Years Home Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ( _____ ) Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
5.	Grade Point Average for Last 2 Years (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach your most recent school transcript(s) for GPA verification. This may include high school, college and trade school.
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ___ NO ___
7.	Name and location of High School(s) attended:  Name of current College or Technical School, if applicable:
8.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school/college:  B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:  C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:
9.	A. List colleges or technical schools to which you have applied &/or received admission?  B. Which of these are your top three choices (in order)?
10.	Is your Family's Gross Annual Income under <b>\$100,000</b> ? Yes _____ No _____ <i>(If selected, recipients will be asked to verify annual household income is under \$100,000 by supplying copies of their most recent tax forms)</i>
11.	Are you, or is your parent or legal guardian, related to a member of the ASVC Board? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what is their name? _____ <i>Board members and their relatives are excluded from consideration of scholarship award funds.</i>
12.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) <i>Include address if different than Question 2.</i> Name(s): _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home/Cell phone of parents or legal guardians: _____ Work phone: _____

**13. Please attach your essay and two letters of recommendation to this application**

Essay must be written by the applicant addressing how Autism shaped the student's life. Describe your educational and career objectives, and why you believe you should be selected for the award.

Essay to be submitted using 12 point Times New Roman font, single-spaced, one inch margins on all sides of 8 ½ in x 11 in paper, maximum of 2 pages.

Two letters of recommendation must be attached with this application. One must be from a teacher or school counselor addressing the student's educational aptitude. Letters should not be from relatives and should not exceed one page.

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS**

I hereby affirm that all of the information submitted in my application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if I am chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Autism Society Ventura County's scholarship program. I will make all attempts to be present at any public awards ceremonies to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to remit to ASVC the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly and timely to my educational institution.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

**Signature of scholarship applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist**

- \_\_\_ Application
- \_\_\_ Essay (max 2 pages)
- \_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher or school counselor)
- \_\_\_ School Transcripts

**MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:**

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PO Box 1558, Camarillo, CA 93011**

**REMINDER:**

**The deadline for this application to be postmarked is:**

**MARCH 31, 2016**