

# Family Scholarships

The Autism Support of West Shore (ASWS) accepts scholarship applications **January 1 – October 1, 2019**. Receipts may be turned in with an application or a request may be made and receipts turned in by **November 15, 2019**.

Guidelines and applications are available on our website and in this letter. All of our scholarships are reimbursement scholarships for out of pocket cost families incur supporting a child with ASD.

The Autism Support of West Shore seeks to provide support to families facing autism. Our founders envisioned that ASWS would provide a beacon of hope and a safe place where parents, educators and individuals with autism could gather. We do not turn anyone away and our motto is “ASWS — A Place Where Everyone Fits.”. In keeping with this spirit of inclusion, we do not place income restrictions on those who seek our help.

The guidelines for our scholarships are as follows:

1. Families seeking scholarship funding must apply to ASWS in writing, clearly stating how the money will be used. A one or two sentence explanation is sufficient. Application forms will be available in our newsletter and online, [www.asws.org](http://www.asws.org). Categories include but are not limited to: therapies: speech, physical, play, auditory and occupational; safety equipment: locks and tracking devices; academic help (tutoring outside school), etc. The Autism Support of West Shore does not endorse any specific therapy or treatment.
2. Families seeking scholarship funding should state an approximate dollar amount. The total annual amount a family can receive from ASWS will depend on the amount of funds available.
3. Families must provide receipts for the services or products received in order to receive reimbursement from ASWS. Reimbursement will not be given until the receipts are turned in. All receipts must be turned in by November 15<sup>th</sup>, of the application year to receive reimbursement.
4. Families applying for scholarships are **required to volunteer 5 hours of service** with ASWS through a variety of volunteer opportunities, which are listed on the application. Volunteer requirements must be met for a new scholarship funds to be allocated.
5. Completed applications should be mailed to: Autism Society of West Shore, Attn. Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 39, Spring Lake, MI 49456 or emailed to [contact@asws.org](mailto:contact@asws.org)
6. Requests will be considered on a per-case basis and are not related to the individual's income. All requests are kept strictly confidential.

**ASWS Family Scholarship Application 2019**

The Autism Support of West Shore is making scholarships available by reimbursement to help our families with support and care for their children affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder. Since there is a limited amount available for scholarships, applications will be reviewed and considered based on individual basis.

Please fill out the application below and send by mail to:

Autism Support of West Shore

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 39

Spring Lake, MI 49456

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and

age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief description about what the scholarship will be used for and how this will benefit your child and family. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Dollar amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

ASWS is requiring 5 hours of volunteer service. Please check which volunteer opportunities that you will help at this year:

- ☐ Writing an article for the HOPE newsletter
- ☐ Helping to organize a social event
- ☐ Helping with our annual Spring Fling (May 2014)
- ☐ Helping with registration or hosting at an event
- ☐ I would like an officer to contact me to discuss volunteering.
- ☐ Serving on the Board of Directors for ASWS
- ☐ Join the ASWS Open Golf Event planning committee

- ☐ I have enclosed my \$20.00 membership fee
- ☐ I have renewed/joined online
- ☐ I am a member of the Autism Support of West Shore and have completed any volunteer requirements from previously awarded scholarships.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_