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Autism Dates to Remember

March 31, 2014 Last day to apply
for 2013-2014 program year

April 1, 2014 First day to apply or
renew scholarship for 2014-2015
program year

June 30, 2014 Program Year Ends

July 1, 2014 Program Year Begins



OHIO AUTISM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

The Autism Scholarship Program (ASP) gives the parents of children with autism who qualify for a scholarship, the choice to send the child to a special education program other than the one operated by the school district of residence to receive their education and the services outlined in the child's individualized education program (IEP).

How do I Apply for the Scholarship?

If a student is eligible for the Autism Scholarship Program, the first step is to register for services with a participating private provider.

When will Applications be Accepted?

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Who is Eligible to Apply for the Scholarship?

Children who are at least three years old, but less than twenty two years old, have been identified by their school district of residence as a child with autism, and have a current, finalized IEP with that district are eligible for the autism scholarship.

What is the Value of the Scholarship?

The autism scholarship amount is the lesser of the fee charged for the child by the special education program or up to twenty thousand dollars per program year. The child must be in the program for the full academic year to receive the full amount.

Will parents/legal guardians have to pay any amount of money?

Parents/legal guardians may have to pay for services not covered under the scholarship. Also, if the provider's fees for covered services exceed the amount of the scholarship, the parent is responsible for the balance.

Can children who are attending a private school or home schooled apply?

Yes, but they must first obtain an evaluation and IEP from their district of residence.

Can a child attend school in the public district and use the scholarship to pay for support services?

No. The scholarship is an educational choice program. If a student is approved for the scholarship, the public district is no longer responsible for providing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The student must use the scholarship to obtain their education AND supportive services.

Will every child that applies be awarded a scholarship?

If a child meets the eligibility requirements, they will be awarded a scholarship. There is no cap on the number of autism scholarships available.

If my child is awarded a scholarship, how long can he/she continue to use the scholarship?

Scholarships are approved through June 30th of the current program year. Each Spring, parents who are interested in continuing to receive the scholarship must submit a renewal application. If the student has a current IEP and is still identified as under the category of autism by their resident district, then they can continue to receive the scholarship for the next program year. Scholarships can be renewed until the child graduates from high school or reaches age twenty two.