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***Eligibility Criteria***

You must:

» Identify as being on the Autism Spectrum, including Autistic Disorder, Asperger’s Syndrome, PDD-NOS, or

another Autism Spectrum Disorder

» Be a current student at a college or university with at least one year left to graduation

» Live in the U.S. (50 states and Puerto Rico) or Canada

Applicants for **Autism Campus Inclusion (ACI)** should have a strong interest in civil rights and activism for people with disabilities, and have personal goals for increasing their own self-advocacy and leadership skills.

Accepted applicants will travel to Washington, DC and participate in the ACI advocacy training between **May 28 and June 4, 2016**. The training covers travel and lodging expenses for all participants. Students are responsible for purchasing their meals.

The skills participants learn can be taken back to their home college campuses. Participants will develop goals, tools, and strategies for systems change on their campuses and in their communities, and receive support and technical assistance in implementing their goals following the training. Participants’ advocacy goals will be designed to benefit autistic college students and other students with disabilities. If you feel that you meet the criteria for this training, please fill out the following application and save the file. Submissions, including completed answers to the essay questions, are due by **February 21, 2016**.

Completed applications should be sent to Natalia Rivera Morales with the subject line “2016 ACI Application” at [nriveramorales@autisticadvocacy.org](mailto:nriveramorales@autisticadvocacy.org). You may type responses in a separate word document if you feel you need more space. Let us know if you cannot access any part of this application. We can provide content in alternative formats.

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| Application Form | |
| Contact Information | |
| First Name: | Last Name: |
| Street Address: | Apt/Suite: |
| City: | State: |
| Zip Code: | Phone: |
| E-mail: | |

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| Background Information | | | | |
| What college or university do you attend? | | | | |
| What year are you currently  Enrolled (i.e. Sophomore, Junior)? | | | | |
| What is your current major? | | | | |
| Do you identify on the Autism Spectrum? | Yes |  | No |  |
| Will you need financial assistance for meals? | Yes |  | No |  |

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| Optional Demographic Information | |
| What is your race/ethnicity? | What is your age? |
| What is your gender identity? | |

1. How do you connect with other autistic people? For example, do you meet and talk with other autistic people in class, online, or in your community?
2. What personal experiences made you interested in advocacy for yourself and for other autistic people?
3. What do you know about the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, neurodiversity, and disability rights in general?
4. What policies or issues matter most to you as an advocate?

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1. What organizations and people do you most admire from the autism and disability

rights communities? Why?

1. The Autistic community includes (but is not limited to) autistics with intellectual disabilities, non-speaking autistics, LGBTQ autistics, and autistics of color. How would you include different kinds of autistic people in your advocacy?
2. How would ACI support your own self-advocacy and the self-advocacy of other autistic and disabled students on your college campus? What advocacy goals do you have to make your campus a better place for autistic and other disabled students? What’s your plan to achieve those goals? Be specific.

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