**Autistic Scholars Fellowship**

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**If this application is hard for you to understand or fill out for any reason, please let us know and we can help you. Email Reid Caplan at rcaplan@autisticadvocacy if you need help, or if you want to answer the application questions over the phone or Skype instead of writing them.**

To be an Autistic Scholar, you ***must*:**

* Be autistic and willing to let others know that you are autistic
* Be in college
* Live in the United States
* Be 18 years old or older

Autistic Scholars ***must*** do the following:

* Create or be a part of a disability advocacy group at their college.
* Work to promote Autistic culture and community on their campuses.
* Work to make their college a better place for students with disabilities.
* Check in with ASAN every month for at least one year after getting the scholarship to get help with planning advocacy projects.

If you want to apply for the Fellowship, please send these documents by **Sunday, November 19th, 2017**:

* **A filled-out copy of the application below.** You can fill out the application by saving this file to your computer.
* **Proof of enrollment to your college or university.** This is a document that shows you are a student at your college. You can get a proof of enrollment certificate from the Registrar’s office or Financial Aid office at your college. You can photograph or scan this document and send the file in an email.

To apply for the Fellowship, send your finished application and proof of enrollment to Reid Caplan at rcaplan@autisticadvocacy.org by **Sunday, November 19th, 2017**. Please send the email using the subject line “2017 Autistic Scholars Fellowship Application.” You may also email Reid with any questions about the applying for the Fellowship.

**ASAN Autistic Scholars Fellowship Application**

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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 go to?  |
| What year are you at school (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)  |
| What is your major in school?  |
| Are you on the Autism Spectrum (Yes or No)? |

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| Optional Demographic Information |
| What is your race/ethnicity?  | What is your age?  |
| What is your gender identity and gender pronouns?  |
| How did you learn about ASAN’s Autistic Scholars Fellowship? |

## 1. What made you interested in advocacy for yourself and other disabled people?

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## 2. Have you ever done disability advocacy before? If not, have you done advocacy activities for any other groups?

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## 3. What are the main problems for autistic and other disabled students at your college?

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## 4. What are you doing to work on these problems right now? What do you plan to do to fix these problems in the future? Be as specific as you can.

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## 5. What does autistic culture and community mean to you? How would you help build “autistic space” at your college and in your community?

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## 6. Before you graduate, what goals do you hope to accomplish to make your campus a better place for autistic people and all students with disabilities?

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