



Applied Behavioral Analysis Graduate Program Scholarship Application Process

MISSION

Our mission at the Autism Recovery Foundation is to raise money to provide the opportunity for families with young children who have autism to receive early intervention behavior therapy that they might have otherwise not had access to.

We believe that any child who has the ability to recover from autism should have the opportunity and tools to do so. We believe that every child should have a bright future to look forward to.

An important goal at the Autism Recovery Foundation is to support the development and training of a qualified work force to provide quality early intensive behavioral treatment to families with young children with autism. This scholarship program was developed to assist students who are working towards certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

Scholarships will be awarded through a competitive application process. Applicants can be full or part time students enrolled in an approved BACB course sequence.

The current award amount is \$1000 per scholarship. Scholarships must be used within one year of the notification date and can be used for tuition, fees, or internship/practicum supervision only. Previous scholarship recipients are encouraged to apply for additional funding although subsequent awards are not guaranteed. Only completed applications will be considered.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be enrolled in or been admitted to a course sequence that is accredited by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.
2. Applicants must be intending to pursue a career in the field of autism and applied behavior analysis in Minnesota. Applicants who commit to work in rural areas or with underserved populations are given preference.

Selection Process

The ARF Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants who are passionate about providing early intensive behavior therapy to families of children with autism and are committed to ARF's missions of providing opportunities for all families of children with autism to have access to effective, evidence-based early intensive behavior therapy, including underserved populations and those in rural communities. Applicants will also be evaluated based upon work experience, community service and

recommendations from professors/instructors. Financial need will not be taken into consideration at this time.

The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and make recommendations to present to the full ARF Board who will make final decisions upon the award recipient. Committee members who have an affiliation with one or more applicants will designate another ARF board member to vote on their behalf.

Deadline

All application information should be submitted on the Autism Recovery Foundation website. The application form and 2 professional references (1 should be from a current professor/instructor) must be completed and submitted **on or before 5:00pm on July 15, 2014**. Please note this deadline is firm and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Notification

Recipients will be notified via email and information about award recipients will also be posted on ARF's website home page by **August 15, 2014**.

Questions

Please direct any questions regarding the scholarship or application process to Lisa Barsness at lbarsness@meapkids.org.