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proudly announce the

Autism Speaks Family Services

**Brian and Patricia Kelly Postsecondary Education Scholarship
Fund**

APPLICATION 2014

APPLICATION DATE AND DEADLINE

DUE: AUGUST 22, 2014 by 5 PM

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL to jsjohns8@uncg.edu. IF YOU ARE USING MULTIMEDIA FOR YOUR ESSAY, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SCAN IN A COPY OF YOUR WORK OR PROVIDE A LINK TO YOUR VIDEO

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS: Late September 2014

Background about Autism Speaks and the Brian and Patricia Kelly Postsecondary Education Scholarship Fund

Autism Speaks was founded in 2005 by family members of a person with autism. The organization was endowed by a generous benefactor who wanted to see progressive efforts in research, advocacy, education and public outreach and coalition building. Today, Autism Speaks has mobilized individuals with autism, their families, friends and colleagues, businesses and other community partners to create a community of activists. There is a strong and focused mission of utilizing resources to build capacity for improvement in the lives of people with autism through research and model practices and to educate about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) with emphasis on prevention and early intervention.

Autism Speaks through its Family Services Division has worked with donors, Brian and Patricia Kelly to provide another top-drawer opportunity for young adults with ASD who want to continue their education and/or vocational training after secondary education. Brian and Patricia Kelly, along with other autism advocates embarked on establishing a scholarship fund for young adults who had plans to enroll in universities, community colleges, vocational /technical schools and other transition programs focused on career building and personal development that is foundational to an engaged community citizen. Autism Speaks invited applications from the higher education and vocational training communities to establish a scholarship fund of up to \$25,000 per organizational recipient. In January 2014, Autism Speaks was excited to announce 11 organizational recipients, from across the nation, for the launch of this fund.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is a proud recipient of these scholarship funds. The funds may be used for students with ASD seeking a degree OR seeking a certificate in Integrative Community Studies (ICS).

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be accepted to or enrolled in The University of North Carolina in a degree conferring program or in the 4-year certificate program, Integrative Community Studies (ICS)
- Students who are matriculating a degree are encouraged to register with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS)
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
- Applicants must provide medical or other professional documentation or statement attesting to the diagnosis of ASD
- Applicants may be full-time or part-time; if the latter, the student must be enrolled in 6-9 credit hours and specific hours must be indicated on the application
- Currently enrolled UNCG students must be in satisfactory academic standing according to university guidelines and maintain satisfactory status throughout the period for which the award is used
- Applicants who are currently enrolled at UNCG must not have active honor code violations

Scholarship Amount, Duration and Conditions

- Awards of \$2500-\$5000 will be awarded to 5 or more students for the 2014 Fall Semester at UNCG
- Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees, and other expenses related to enrollment in the program of study such as housing, meal plans and for ICS Certificate applicants, supplemental support not required by ADA and Section 504

- Awardees agree to identification by name and release of other general information about studies being pursued to Autism Speaks
- Awardees agree to provide testimonials to Autism Speaks about the use and impact of the Scholarship

Application Procedures

- Complete the following application and submit via email to jsjohns8@uncg.edu no later than 5 PM on August 22, 2014. Applications submitted after 5:00 PM will be disqualified and shredded
- If you choose to use multimedia to complete the essay, you are required to scan in a copy of your artwork or provide links to videos as an attachment to the application
- You are required to attach a statement of ASD diagnosis from a physician or Licensed Practicing Psychologist

NOTIFICATION

- Award recipients will be notified of scholarships in late September 2014
- Award recipients will be identified to Autism Speaks following their notification of the award