



ALEXIS KATE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Please return completed form by September 30, 2022 to: development@edenautism.org

The Alexis Kate Special Education Teacher's Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded annually to a worthy college student, in their sophomore year or beyond, who has declared a special education major and has demonstrated extracurricular commitment to the field. Graduate students in the field of special education are also eligible to apply. Applicants must be a resident of New Jersey and enrolled at Rider University or The College of New Jersey.

This award was made possible through the fund-raising efforts of Steve Nelson whose niece, Alexis Kate, was diagnosed with autism at 17 months of age and subsequently received early intervention services through Eden's infant and toddler program. Mr. Nelson rode his bike 1,800 miles from New Jersey to Florida in order to raise money to create an endowed scholarship fund for students planning special education careers.

I. Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____ School Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

College/University: _____

Major: _____ Degree Pursued: _____

II. **Academic Qualifications:** Please provide your G.P.A. for the most recent applicable semester and indicate any Honors or awards you received (attach copy of transcript):
G.P.A. Honors/Awards:
1st semester: _____
2nd semester: _____
3rd semester: _____
4th semester: _____

III. **Courses:** What coursework have you taken during your college career that you feel demonstrates your focus in special education?

IV. **Civic/Volunteer Work:** In what civic and/or volunteer activities have you been involved during your college years that you feel demonstrate a focus in special education?

V. **Employment History/Career Focus:** Please list the paid jobs you've had during your college career (full- or part time) and indicate those you feel demonstrate a focus in special education.

VI. **What career objective do you plan to pursue?**

VII. **Essay:** Please tell us why you feel that you are a qualified applicant for an Alexis Kate Special Education Teacher's Scholarship. Feel free to mention any honors you have received, as well as your needs, goals and hopes. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

VIII. **Please attach two letters of recommendation** (these can be from a teacher, employer or other non-family member).