

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Legal Process and Advocacy Division Announcement of Availability of 2016 Student Scholarships

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Announcement of Student Scholarships

The Legal Process and Advocacy (LP&A) Division of the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) is pleased to announce its intention to award two (2) student scholarships in 2016 to assist members and potential members of AAIDD in attending the 2016 AAIDD Annual Conference, June 5 – 9, 2016, in Atlanta, Georgia. These scholarships of \$600 each additionally include complimentary registration for the event.

Purpose

The purposes of the student scholarships are to: a) develop a broader base of engaged members for the Legal Process and Advocacy Division's agenda and activities; and b) develop and support students' capacities for legal and policy activities related to the rights of individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD); and c) to encourage the active participation of applicant students and early career professionals in the development and implementation of the LP&A's 2016 – 2017 agenda and activities.

Application

To apply for a Legal Process and Advocacy Division student scholarship, the student should submit the following three documents:

1. A signed letter of application by the student that addresses the criteria below.
2. A brief plan for how attendance at the AAIDD conference will enhance the student's study about legal issues and advocacy for people with ID/DD.
3. A signed letter of reference, preferably on University letterhead, from a faculty member in the student's higher education degree program.

Criteria for Award

A subcommittee of the Legal Process and Advocacy Division membership will decide on the scholarship recipients based on the strength of the student's application and the following criteria:

- Student is an undergraduate junior or senior or a graduate student in good standing in a higher education degree program that is closely related to people with ID/DD.

- Student describes how the coursework and/or fieldwork in his/her degree program is related to the Legal Process & Advocacy Division of AAIDD.
- Student submits an excellent plan showing how attendance at the AAIDD conference will enhance their study about legal issues and advocacy for people with ID/DD.
- Student exhibits high standards of professionalism and ethics as evidenced by the faculty reference letter.

Timeline:

April 1, 2016	Deadline for submission of application packets to dwebber@aaidd.org
April 1-15, 2016	Review by LP&A subcommittee and submission of results to AAIDD
April 15-30, 2016	Announcements to awardees and other applicants by Chair of LP&A Division

Questions?

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