

Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Jae Davis Parent Scholarship

Named in memory of Jae Davis, the mother of a child with autism and a strong parent advocate, Jae created one of the first in-home programs in the United States for educating students with autism. Dr. Mary Jane Weiss, Dr. Rebecca Landa, Dr. Vince Carbone, as well as Congressman, Senators, doctoral students, educators, and parents, visited her to seek her advice, guidance, and innovative therapies. Jae set up one of the first intern programs for undergraduate and graduate students from Franklin & Marshall College and Millersville and Penn State Universities to work in the home program. She lobbied at the federal, state, and local levels for classrooms for children with autism.

Area educators came to the Davis home to study with her. Jae was selfless. She took other kids in and developed therapies for them. She counseled parents and attended their children's IEP meetings. Additionally, she traveled to other homes to set up a program or help an overwhelmed parent. Upon her death, she was honored by many autism organizations, the State Senate and on the anniversary of her death, Congressman Greenwood spoke about her and her accomplishments before a session of Congress.

The scholarships are provided for parents of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. This includes children (ages 3 and above) who are served by IU13 or one of our 22 constituent school districts. The scholarships cover costs for participating in the Bridging Knowledge to Know-How conference.

The Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Jae Davis Parent Scholarship will sponsor up to ten parents (families) to attend the Bridging Knowledge to Know-How conference. The scholarship can fund the following items:

- 1. Parent registration fee for either a single day or multiple days depending on parental request.
- 2. Transportation is the responsibility of the scholarship winner. Mileage will be reimbursed to and from the Penn Stater hotel and conference center in State College, PA.
- 3. A childcare stipend is available for up to \$100/day.
- 4. Meals (excluding tips and alcohol) will be reimbursed based on Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 policy. Lunch is provided as part of the conference.
- 5. Language translators are not available.

A committee comprised of parents, IU13 and school district representatives and agency personnel committed to improving services to students with autism will review the applications.

^{*} Documentation of expenses will be needed prior to reimbursement. *



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Application: Due March 28th, 2025

On the designated page provided, please describe why you would benefit from attending the conference. Also provide some examples of how you would use, and share with others, the information gained.

Please return the application and typed essay via email at <u>JaeDavisScholarship@iu13.org</u>. Winners will be selected on 4/25/25.

Application Information:

Conference Attendance Information:

I can attend the following day(s) of the conference: (check all that apply) Monday, July 28 th Tuesday, July 29 th Wednesday, July 30 th Thursday, July 31st
I or my family member have received a scholarship in the past. \[\subseteq \text{Yes} \subseteq \text{No} \text{If yes, what year?} \]

Essay: Please describe why you would benefit from attending the conference and provide examples of how you would use the information gained.