



***Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Program***  
**Camp Scholarship Fund**

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**INTRODUCTION**

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January 29, 2010

Welcome!

We are excited to launch the first *Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Program*. We encourage all Camps offering a 2010 summer camp to financially disadvantaged individuals with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders to complete an online application.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the application or the program.

We look forward to hearing from you,  
The Autism Speaks Family Services Team  
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**CONTACT INFO**

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**2010 Camp SCHOLARSHIP FUND TIMELINE**

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- January 29— [Request for Application \(RFA\)](#) available online to Camps
- March 1— Deadline for RFA, must be submitted by 12 midnight EST
- March 1–10— Review Committee selects Camps to participate in the Camp Scholarship Fund
- March 15— Notification sent to Camps
- March 15–May 1— Selected Camps identify potential Scholarship Campers
- April 30 — Selected Camps submit Scholarship Camper Statements
- May 12— Review Committee approves funding for Qualified Campers;  
Camps/Scholarship Camper sign agreement and waivers
- May 12– 21— Funding processed to Camps
- Sept 9— Final Evaluation Report – Camp/Scholarship Camper

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**PROGRAM FUNDING**

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*Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Program* will select eligible camps to identify qualified campers and offers up to \$5000 in scholarship funds for campers with Autism Spectrum Disorders to attend a summer camp.

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**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION**

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**Camp Scholarship Fund** applications must be submitted electronically using the [Online Camp Program RFA](#). Applications that are late, incomplete, or do not adhere to the required format will not be reviewed.

[\\*Click here for Online Camp Program RFA](#)



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**CAMP ELIGIBILITY**

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All Camps providing a summer camp program to financially disadvantaged individuals with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders are eligible to apply for a Camp Scholarship Fund through the *Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Program*.

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**SCHOLARSHIP CAMPER**

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Camps selected to participate in the Camp Scholarship Fund are responsible for selecting Scholarship Campers. A Scholarship Camper has: 1) a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, 2) is financially disadvantaged, and 3) through camp participation has the opportunity for individual growth and development.

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**FINAL EVALUATION REPORT**

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Selected Camps will provide a detailed accounting of the Camp Scholarship Fund. Camper and family complete an evaluation of the Scholarship Camper's experience.

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**REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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Autism Speaks recruits members for the *Autism Speaks' Baker Summer Camp Program* Review Committee. The national committee will be composed of families affected by autism, individuals with autism, and autism professionals. The Committee reviews eligible applications and selects camps to receive a Camp Scholarship Fund.

Review Committee reviews and ranks applications based on the following criterion:

- Overall camp program design and available activities
- Approach to serving individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Camp offers a wide range of opportunities for inclusion of campers with autism with age-appropriate peers
- Location of the camp is readily accessible to underserved communities
- Camp staff is provided with training in Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Camp administration has a clear, fair and easily documented process for selecting Scholarship Campers
- The camp has matching funds available for the 2010 Camp Scholarship Fund.

Camps will be reviewed based on information presented in the online application.



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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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Conflicts of interest include but are not limited to a pre-existing relationship between a Camp and a Member of the Review Committee

All conflicts must be declared at the beginning of the review process. Anyone with a conflict of interest is not permitted to review the declared application.

All recommendations made by the Review Committee are based on information presented in the online application.

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

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**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**

Individuals who have been diagnosed by a professional with Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD), or Asperger's Disorder.

**Camps**

Camps in the U.S. which: 1) offer a 2010 summer camp program, 2) serve financially disadvantaged individuals 3) with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Camp Scholarship Fund**

Up to \$5000 is offered to **Selected Camps** to identify **Scholarship Campers** to attend summer camp.

**Qualified Camper**

Review Committee approves Scholarship Campers and grants funding to camps.

**Request for Application (RFA)**

[Online Camp Program RFA](#) is available starting January 29th through March 1, 2010.



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### **Review Committee**

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- Camp staff is provided with training in ASD issues
- Camp administration has a clear, fair and easily documented process for selecting Scholarship Campers
- The camp has matching funds available for the 2010 Camp Scholarship Fund.

### **Scholarship Camper**

A Scholarship Camper has: 1) a diagnosed of Autism Spectrum Disorder, 2) is financial disadvantaged and 3) though camp participation has the opportunity for individual growth and development.

### **Scholarship Campers Statements**

Statements submitted by Selected Camps to verify Scholarship Campers meet requirements for funding.

### **Selected Camp**

A camp selected by the Review Committee to participate in the Camp Scholarship Fund.