



Autism York is proud to announce
“Georgette Mester Family Education Sponsorship”

This sponsorship opportunity is designed to enable family members to attend conferences, workshops and trainings related to Autism Spectrum Disorders. Georgette Mester has been the Preschool Supervisor for Lincoln Intermediate Unit for 14 years. Upon her retirement, a collection was taken to go to the charity of her choice. Georgette chose Autism York as that charity. Georgette was instrumental in the founding and continuation of this support group. She allowed her staff the time and resources to get it off the ground. She continued to support the group by providing space for meetings, staff support, housing the lending library, and in many other ways. Georgette has always believed in the importance of “what is best for the child”. Autism York believes that educating families to become the best teachers and advocates for their child should be a priority. In combining those goals, the Georgette Mester Family Education Sponsorship has been created.

Who is eligible?

- Applicants must live in York or Adams Counties and must have a child or family member who is diagnosed on the autism spectrum, or be on the autism spectrum themselves.
- Autism York Board members are NOT eligible.
- Anyone who has received this sponsorship from Autism York in the previous 3 years is NOT eligible.

Sponsorship details:

- This sponsorship is to help families to offset the costs of attending any workshop, training or conference related to Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Sponsorships will be awarded quarterly, amounting to up to \$250 per quarter
- Sponsorships can be applied to any training, conference or workshop from the previous, current or upcoming quarter only
- Sponsorships for a conference attended during the previous quarter must show proof of attendance/payment, and will be awarded directly to the applicant
- Sponsorships for the upcoming quarter must show proof of registration/cost, and payment will only be made directly to the organization hosting the training
- Families can apply once per quarter, until a sponsorship is awarded
- Sponsorships will be chosen by a committee, and selection will be made anonymously. Each application will be given a number by a third party upon arrival, so the approval process can be made anonymously.
- Sponsorships will be awarded based on family statement of need

Dates:

- Applications will be accepted quarterly
 - Jan. 1-March 15 to be awarded by March 30
 - April 1-June 15 to be awarded by June 30
 - July 1-Sept 15 to be awarded by Sept 30
 - Oct 1-Dec 15 to be awarded by Dec 31



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Application**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Child/Family members first name/age: _____

Name of workshop/conference: _____

Date of workshop/conference: _____

Location of workshop/conference: _____

Cost of workshop/conference: _____

Amount requested: _____

Applications must include the following:

- Proof of diagnosis, from an educator or doctor
- Conference flyer, website, brochure, etc.
- Statement of need. This should/can include a statement written by the applicant explaining the need to attend this workshop/conference, and the families need for the financial assistance. Applicant should note that this statement will be the primary determining factor in awarding the sponsorships.
- If the workshop/conference was attended during the previous quarter, application must be accompanied by proof of attendance/payment

Questions can be answered by emailing: info@autismyork.org

Mail Application and related documentation by the end of the application period to:

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G.M. Sponsorship
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