**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT 2021**

American Association on Intellectual

 and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Wisconsin Chapter

Annual Student Scholarship

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Wisconsin Chapter is pleased to announce the call for applications for the annual student scholarship. Recipients of the scholarship will receive one year of Basic Membership to both AAIDD National and AAIDD Wisconsin Chapter, complementary registration for the AAIDD Wisconsin Chapter’s annual conference and an open invitation to participate in quarterly AAIDD Wisconsin Chapter Board meetings.

Membership in AAIDD is a valuable, professional resource for you and your students. With a membership of over 5000 professionals in over 55 countries around the world, membership in AAIDD lets you tap into a network of top professionals who are eager to encourage students to pursue careers in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities, and to provide mentoring that will enhance the skills and knowledge of young professionals in the field.

The AAIDD website provides a Student and Early Career Professionals page that aims to provide information relevant to today's student and early career professionals, and provides opportunities for this community to network, interact, and stay up to date on events in the field through regular webinars, the use of our web blog, student and faculty profiles, and special events at each year's Annual Meeting. Our Student and Early Career Professionals group offers career and networking benefits to help new members in the field get started.

AAIDD's catalog of books offer proven solutions, promising approaches and fresh perspectives. AAIDD's bookstore offerings are organized by Management, Assessment, Training, and Reference & Research. Members enjoy at a **15% discount** on all titles.
 Each year, AAIDD’s Annual Meeting brings together colleagues from around the world. They come to meet, to interact, and to learn about the latest programs, research, policies, technologies and emerging trends in the field of disability. AAIDD members attend the Annual Meeting at **exclusive member discounts**.

We thank you for forwarding the attached application guidelines to your students. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.aaiddwi.org](http://www.aaiddwi.org). Specific questions may be directed to:

Nancy Pickett, Secretary/Treasurer AAIDDWI at 414-712-0379 or npicwi@yahoo.com

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1. Criteria for Applicants
	1. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at a college or university.
	2. Applicants must be pursuing scholarly work directly related to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. Application Requirements
	1. Applicants must submit an essay of 500 words or less that describes how their interests and career goals are consistent with the mission of AAIDD.
	2. Applicants will provide contact information for one academic reference who can validate active student status and a minimum of 3.00 grade-point achievement.
	3. Applicants will provide contact information for a second reference who may be either academic or personal. This reference should address the applicant’s interests in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
3. Application Process
	1. A call for applications will be announced annually, early in the year.
	2. Applications and all supporting documents are due by March 1.
	3. All applications will be reviewed by the AAIDD Wisconsin Board will make a decision no later than March 15.
	4. No less than one applicant will receive a scholarship each year.
4. Scholarship Benefits
	1. One calendar year Basic Membership to both AAIDD National and AAIDD Wisconsin Chapter.
	2. Complementary registration for the AAIDD Wisconsin Chapter’s annual conference.
	3. Open invitation to and welcomed participation in quarterly AAIDD Wisconsin Chapter’s Board meetings.
	4. A certificate acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the scholarship.
	5. Please note this is not a monetary scholarship.

Please submit all application materials to:

Nancy Pickett, Secretary/Treasurer AAIDDWI: npicwi@yahoo.com

My name is Jennifer Roy and I am a second-year Masters of Social Work student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. I am the recipient of the AAIDD Wisconsin Don Anderson Scholarship. This scholarship as allowed me to be a member of AAIDD, as well as the Wisconsin chapter, and covered my attendance for the AAIDD Wisconsin conference in the Wisconsin Dells.

This scholarship is a tremendous opportunity for students. It has allowed me to gain knowledge from a variety of disciplines within the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities, through both AAIDD publications and conferences. I have also been able to network, meeting professionals in the field at both AAIDD WI board meetings and conferences. I am confident these connections will be extremely important as I begin my career. I am honored by my selection for this award and highly recommend that students interested in the field of intellectual and developmental disability apply for this tremendous opportunity.