

## **JUST FOR GIRLS!**

### **PROGRAMS FOR GIRLS:**

#### Eligibility Requirements:

Program **must** do at least ONE of the following:

- Provide support for the development of friendships
- Teach social skills
- Provide support for characteristic deficits (i.e.: anxiety, pragmatic skills) of high-functioning girls ages 10-18 with Asperger's or PDD-NOS diagnosis.

Program **must** take place in Branford, Guilford, Madison or Westbrook.

Program **must** have no residency requirement for participation.

Additionally:

- May be one-time, ongoing or short term
- May limit the age range for participation within the 10-18 year old range (i.e: the program can be for high school only, or for 12-13 year olds only)
- Must be specifically designed for girls with average or above average cognitive abilities
- Must promote friendships and/or acquisition of social skills and/or address other deficits uniquely characteristic of girls with an Asperger's or PDD-NOS diagnosis
- May include typical peers
- Must have at least three participants

Programs types **not** eligible:

- Academic support
- One-on-one programs or services
- Programs with a residency requirement for participation
- Co-ed programs
- Programs with less than three participants



#### Outcome Measurements:

Programs must demonstrate outcome measurements for continued support. Surveys, parent/family testimonials, evaluation data will serve as measurement tools.

#### To Apply:

Please send a letter outlining the program and how it meets the eligibility requirements stated above to:

Autism Society of Connecticut  
P O Box 1404  
Guilford, CT 06437  
Attn: Girls Programs

Please include funding request. Limit \$800 per program per calendar year. Ongoing support can be requested yearly upon submission of continuing eligibility requirements and outcome data. Applications will be reviewed and funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis (assuming eligibility requirements are met) until all funds available for that calendar year are distributed. Letters should address all areas of eligibility as incomplete applications will be returned for further information and will not be placed in the time queue until completed.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Scholarship funds available for families to offset up to 75% of the cost of fees or tuition for social skills, mentoring, recreational or other programs that specifically address characteristics of girls with Asperger's Syndrome or high-functioning PDD-NOS. Scholarships may be used for programs that include typical peers, and may be used for summer, academic year, ongoing, one-time, short-term or long term programs.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Girls must be between the ages of 10-18
- May reside anywhere in Connecticut
- Must have a diagnosis of Asperger's or PDD-NOS
- Program must take place in Branford, Guilford, Madison or Westbrook, but must be open to girls from any town
- Program must specifically address deficits characteristic of girls with Asperger's or PDD-NOS.

Scholarship money may *not* be used for:

- Private or one-on-one supports, programs or aides
- Academic support services or classes
- School tuition
- Co-ed programming
- May not cover more than 75% of the program cost or fees
- Programs that have residency requirements

Limit: \$1000 per family per calendar year.

To apply:

Please send a letter addressing eligibility requirements listed above to:

Autism Society of Connecticut  
P O Box 1404  
Guilford, CT 06437  
Attn: Girls Scholarship funds

If seeking reimbursement for fees or tuition already paid, please enclose receipts and/or invoices. If seeking ongoing support, please indicate the amount of tuition or fees expected to be charged for the program. If seeking ongoing support, please indicate whether payment is to be made to family or directly to the program. If payment is to be made directly to the program, please include contact information so that payment arrangements can be made. Applications will be reviewed and funds distributed on a first come, first served basis (assuming eligibility requirements are met) until all funds available for that calendar year are distributed. Letters should address all areas of eligibility as incomplete applications will be returned for further information and will not be placed in the time queue.