



UNIVERSITY of
SOUTH FLORIDA
College of Education

2025-2026

Jack B. Richardson Scholarship in Autism Spectrum Disorders

Scholarships awarded to students in the USF College of Education on the Tampa Campus. Candidates should have a minimum 3.0 GPA, be full or part time graduate students who are enrolled in a USF Exceptional Student Education (ESE) degree program AND in the certificate program for "Autism Spectrum Disorders" or the "Disabilities Education: Severe/Profound". Graduate students who already have their ESE degree and are now enrolled in the certificate program may also qualify for this scholarship.

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in the College of Education on the Tampa Campus
- Applicant must be a graduate student
- Applicant must be in the certificate program for ASD or Disabilities Education
- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA

Application Procedures

- Form **must be** accompanied by the required essay
- Return this completed form and essay to EDUScholarships@usf.edu no later than **Friday, August 1, 2025**
- Awardees will be notified via their USF email.

Essay Prompt

- One page essay describing your commitment to Exceptional Student Education and specifically working with children with ASD. Share your goals for teaching students with ASD, and how you will gain the requisite knowledge and experience.

Name _____ UID _____

USF Email _____ GPA _____

Current Certificate Program: Autism Spectrum Disorders Disabilities Education: Severe/Profound

Declared Major:

Have you previously received a Richardson Scholarship?

Applications submitted without the required essay will be considered incomplete.

By submitting this application, you authorize the release of your academic, enrollment, and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information to be used during the review process. If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you authorize your photographic image (from your USF ID card) to be released to your donor in connection with the USF Foundation's donor stewardship initiatives.

Applicant Signature

Date