

## ***College Support Program (CSP) for Students on the Autism Spectrum***

### **Need-Based Scholarship for Program Fee**

The College Support Program for Students on the Autism Spectrum (CSP) recognizes that the program fee may present financial barriers to enrollment in the program. Thanks to monies raised by Rutgers Young Alumni Association's Crowdfunding Campaign over the past two years, the CSP is now able to establish a small fund to provide scholarships toward payment of the program fee.

Funds are limited. Scholarships will be awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to avail themselves of program membership following their acceptance into the program. Additionally:

- scholarship(s) are not merit-based.
- scholarship awards are granted based on the student's financial need, based on the FAFSA form results, and strength of the applicant's essay.
- returning CSP students will also be evaluated on their successful participation in and contributions to the program.

Preference will be given to actively admitted and enrolled Rutgers students who are:

- returning CSP students who have been enrolled and successful in the program and are unable to pay the fee.
- students applying to the CSP for the first time and would not be able to join the program due to the fee.

Students receiving program fee assistance from the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) or other agencies are not eligible for a CSP Scholarship.

Scholarships will be given as funds allow and criteria is met. Consequently, scholarships will be given as needed and are not guaranteed to be granted each semester.

CSP Scholarship Application follows on reverse side. Please complete and return electronically to:

Kim Spinelli, CSP Administrative Assistant, [kim.spinelli@rutgers.edu](mailto:kim.spinelli@rutgers.edu)

**Deadline for the Spring 2018 Semester is 1/3/18.**

*Note: This scholarship opportunity would not be possible without the donations generated by the Young Alumni Association and donors who have generously supported the CSP and its students. For these gifts, Rutgers and the College Support Program are extremely grateful. If you or someone you know would like to help expand scholarship opportunities or enable the CSP to grow to accommodate increasing student needs, please visit our website: <http://rhscaps.rutgers.edu/CSP>*

## Application

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*Please read and acknowledge:*

I have read the scholarship criteria on the previous page and acknowledge that I am in compliance.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Applicant Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment date at Rutgers: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current number of credits at Rutgers: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of semesters already completed in the College Support Program (CSP): \_\_\_\_\_

Application for: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2018 or \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2018

#### Application Requirements:

##### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

A FAFSA form must be filed for the current year and results on file in Rutgers Office of Financial Aid.

Do you currently receive financial aid through Rutgers? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you receive New Jersey DVRS (check with your state if not from NJ) compensation to cover the CSP fee? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you receive funding from any other organization, agency or business to pay the CSP fee?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

##### Essay

Please write and submit an essay expressing the value of the College Support Program to you and why you want new or continued membership:

Please detail any extenuating financial circumstances you are experiencing and would like considered that may not be covered in the FAFSA report.

*Note: Essay is to be completed by the student applicant and be a minimum 1-2 full paragraphs. Submit on a separate sheet.*