



## Education Scholarship Guidelines

DSACO's Education Scholarship program provides financial assistance to individuals with Down syndrome to participate in educational activities. These activities might include but are not limited to private tutoring, auditing college courses, purchase of educational electronic applications, DSACO's Summer Learning Academy tuition, dedicated communication devices, and fees related to Occupational, Physical and Speech therapies as prescribed by a professional. The program does not fund iPads or other electronic devices.

**Eligibility** –Any individual with Down syndrome residing in the DSACO service area: Athens, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Madison, Marion, Meigs, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Union, Ross and Vinton counties. The program must take place in the DSACO service area.

**Submission Process**— Mail the completed Education Scholarship application along with receipt of payment within 30 days of completion of the program to:

DSACO  
510 East North Broadway  
Columbus, OH 43214

\*Requests for private tutoring or therapy reimbursement must be accompanied by documentation of qualifications of the instructor/tutor (resume, bio, etc.).

\*\* Applicants requesting funds for prescribed therapies must work through DSACO's Health Care Coordination Scholarship PRIOR to submitting an Education Scholarship application.

Applications submitted without the receipt of payment will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

**Annual Maximum** – The maximum scholarship per individual per fiscal year is \$200.00. DSACO's fiscal year begins January 1 and ends on December 31. The program is based on a first come, first served basis.

**Awarding Funds** - Once an application is approved, you will receive a check via U.S. mail. If the application is denied, a brief explanation will be included in the written notification.

**Denied Requests** - Requests will be denied for the following reasons:

- ★ Requestor has already been awarded the annual maximum of \$200
- ★ More than 30 days have lapsed since purchase or completion of the activity
- ★ Purchase is not classified as educational
- ★ Program takes place outside the DSACO service area
- ★ Education Scholarship funds have been exhausted for the current fiscal year

Please contact DSACO at (614) 263-6020 if you have questions.