

Criteria for the Don Anderson Annual Student Scholarship:
The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Wisconsin Chapter (AAIDD-WI) Annual Student Scholarship

AAIDD-WI's Mission Statement: AAIDD-WI promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- I. Criteria for Applicants
 - a. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at a college or university.
 - b. Applicants must be pursuing scholarly work directly related to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- II. Application Requirements
 - a. 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 National.
 - b. Applicants will provide contact information for one academic reference who can validate active student status and a minimum of 3.00 grade-point achievement.
 - c. 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.
- III. Application Process
 - a. A call for applications will be announced annually on September 1st.
 - b. Applications and all supporting documents are due by December 31st. Submit applications to cmeyerot@gmail.com.
 - c. All applications will be reviewed by the AAIDD-WI Board and judged via the above criteria (I & II). A decision will be made no later than January 15th.
 - d. No less than one applicant will receive a scholarship each year.
- IV. Scholarship Benefits
 - a. One calendar year Basic Membership to both AAIDD National and AAIDD-WI.
 - b. Complementary registration for the AAIDD-WI's annual conference.
 - c. Open invitation to and welcomed participation in quarterly AAIDD-WI Board meetings.
 - d. A certificate acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the scholarship.