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To: **Special Education/Education, Psychology, Physical Therapy,
Speech Language Pathology, and Occupational Therapy Professors**

From: **Autism Society Lehigh Valley Affiliate
Mimi Ludwig, President**

RE: **2016 Todd Roche Memorial Scholarship Awards, \$500**

The Autism Society Lehigh Valley Affiliate is pleased to announce the Todd Roche Memorial Scholarship that will be awarded in January 2016. Todd Roche had hoped to pursue a degree in special education after he worked with children with autism but tragically died in September of 2004. Todd's family graciously designated the Autism Society Lehigh Valley as the recipient for donations and we honor his memory by offering an annual scholarship in his name. We hope to keep his dream of helping children continue through other students pursuing their education to work with special needs individuals. This year's scholarship is intended to help students that are already working or volunteering with children, teens and adults with autism in the Lehigh Valley and are furthering their careers through additional education.

In 2015, we awarded four \$500 scholarships from a variety of colleges/universities. Since 2005, our inaugural year, we have awarded more than 51 scholarships to students who clearly articulate their interest in working with children and adults with autism in the future. **This year we are only taking applications from students who live or go to school in the Lehigh Valley, are working, teaching, training or volunteering with individuals with autism in the Lehigh Valley. We want to develop local talent who are dedicated to improving the lives of people with autism in the Lehigh Valley.**

Please share this application with your students studying Special Education/Education, Psychology, Physical Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, or Occupational Therapy or related degrees and encourage them to apply. Information must be received by **December 15, 2015**, and the money will be given for the spring 2016 semester.

Key criteria for this year's scholarship will be for students:

- 1) Who live in the Lehigh Valley or are going to school in the Lehigh Valley**
- 2) Who are currently working, teaching, training, volunteering or in some capacity helping children, teens or adults with autism in the Lehigh Valley.**
- 3) Sophomore, Junior, Senior or graduate students.**

Thank you very much for sharing this information with your students. We look forward to receiving their applications.

Mimi (Miriam) L. Ludwig, President Autism Society Lehigh Valley Affiliate

Todd Roche Memorial Scholarship Application Form

On September 26, 2004, a fine young man was tragically killed in an automobile accident. His name was Todd Roche. He had worked as a teacher's aide at Muhlenberg Elementary School, Allentown, where he worked with autistic children. He was planning on returning to school to pursue a degree in Special Education to continue working with children with special needs. Todd's family graciously designated the Autism Society Lehigh Valley Affiliate as the recipient for donations and annually honor his memory by offering a scholarship in his name.

We invite any **Lehigh Valley** college students pursuing a Special Education/Education, Psychology, Physical Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy or related degrees to apply for the Todd Roche Memorial Scholarship. It is for \$500 and will be awarded in January of 2016.

Applications are due by December 15, 2015. To apply, please complete the following and email the completed application to mimi.ludwig57@gmail.com or mail to ASA-LV, P.O. Box 267, Coopersburg, PA 18036.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

School Attending _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Major _____ G.P.A. _____ Year _____
(i.e. sophomore, junior, etc)

Please follow these instructions in completing the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed applications are due January 15, 2015.

In 1 – 2 pages (typed preferred, PDF or jpeg if emailing)

- Share your current work or volunteer experience with people with children, teens or adults with autism in the Lehigh Valley.
- Explain how you plan on working with individuals with autism in the Lehigh Valley in the future
- Please attach one letter of reference (1 – 2 pages, PDF or jpeg if emailing) with the above document.

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