



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Virginia Down Syndrome Association (VDSA) Board of Directors and Staff are pleased to be able to offer the Community Engagement and Education Scholarship program. This program is intended to provide financial assistance for individuals with Down syndrome (Ds) to participate in fun and enriching extracurricular activities that he/she would not get in the academic/therapy arena. The program guidelines are here to assist you in determining if the expenses you wish to apply for are applicable. If at any time you have a question, please do not hesitate to email [info@virginiadsa.org](mailto:info@virginiadsa.org) with your questions.

**Criteria:** Each applicant is eligible to receive a maximum of \$500 per calendar year (January – December) of scholarship funds for extracurricular activities. The individual with Ds should be enrolled in and activities held during the calendar year of application submission. **Scholarships will not be awarded for expenses related to prior or future period activities. Funds will be disbursed on a first come first served basis, based on availability, and at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.**

**Eligible activities:** The program is intended for extracurricular activities that the individual may not receive in the academic/therapy arena. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- camps
- tutoring
- dance classes
- art classes
- karate
- gymnastics
- life preparatory skills training
- swimming lessons

**Ineligible activities:** The following are activities that are not approved for scholarship funds:

- private therapy services
- daycare
- preschool
- family vacations
- memberships to local museums or attractions
- subscription services
- private school
- supplies

**Application:** Please complete the application [Scholarship Application](#) and be sure to submit all appropriate invoices or receipts. Please note that documentation provided must agree to the request and any incomplete applications will cause delays in processing. **All scholarship applications, invoices and receipts for the current year must be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Have questions? Please email [info@virginiadsa.org](mailto:info@virginiadsa.org) . Thank you!