

Over \$500,000 in Scholarships Available for Students with Autism

The Auburn School Creates Auburn Leaf Scholarship Program to Assist High-Potential Children

Highlights

- *Students:* Autism now affects approximately 1 in 110 children. High quality educational options are often hard to find.
- *School:* The Auburn School is an award-winning private school serving bright students with social and communication challenges, such as Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism spectrum disorder, with campuses in Herndon, VA and Silver Spring, MD.
- *Scholarships:* Two Auburn Leaf Scholarships will be awarded to cover full tuition to attend Auburn for up to nine years. All applicants to The Auburn School for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 are eligible to apply. Awards granted are based on overall potential for success. The first application deadline is September 1, 2010.
- *Community:* All organizations are strongly encouraged to publicize this opportunity and assist with the identification of eligible families.

WASHINGTON, DC, August 5, 2010 – The Auburn School (“Auburn”) announced today the creation of the Auburn Leaf Scholarship program. The scholarships provide full tuition for students to attend The Auburn School for up to nine years. The program was created to encourage and enable high-potential students to attend The Auburn School. Auburn seeks to be a national model school for students with challenges in social skills, communication, pragmatic language and organization, such as Asperger’s syndrome.

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“We are very pleased to create the Auburn Leaf Scholarship program,” said Erik Heyer, Auburn’s founder. “In this difficult economic climate, we want to make sure we do everything we can to ensure that high-potential students can attend and benefit from an education at The Auburn School.”

Auburn will offer one Auburn Leaf Scholarship per year to new students enrolling at Auburn for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. Scholarships are available for either the Herndon, VA or Silver Spring, MD campuses.

The Auburn Leaf Scholarships provide a full scholarship for students to attend The Auburn School for their full time at Auburn (up to nine years). The scholarship provides full tuition remission (currently \$34,500 per year). Parents remain responsible for all school fees and any additional related service fees, if required, for the student.

Auburn is strongly encouraging local community and advocacy groups to assist with publicizing this scholarship opportunity and the opportunities it provides. Please contact Auburn with any questions at (202) 390-0120.

About The Auburn School

The Auburn School’s mission is to grow the social and academic potential of bright students with challenges in the areas of social skills, communication, language and organization, such as Asperger’s syndrome. The Auburn School is committed to the highest standards of program excellence and seeks to create national model programs. Auburn’s founding team includes experienced and award-winning national leaders in education, social entrepreneurship and business. The Auburn School delivers a unique and individualized educational program

featuring small class sizes, research-based instructional strategies, a well-trained faculty and an educational environment uniquely designed to meet the needs of our students. The first Auburn school opened in Herndon, VA in 2009 and a second campus opens in Silver Spring, MD in 2010. Auburn currently serves students in grades K – 8, with plans to grow to serve grades K-12. For further information, please call (202) 390-0120, or visit the website at www.theauburnschool.org.

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