

My name is Hope Asefa, I am a mother and a parent of a student who is awarded the autism scholarship. As a 17 year old now, my son began in the public school system in prekindergarten. He continued there through sixth grade. I volunteered on my days off to help in the classrooms to give support to the teachers and to him as a student. However with no behavioral issues he was seeming to fall through the cracks academically. As he was entering into seventh grade i decided to pull him out and homeschool him. I applied for the autism scholarship to start getting him tutored and extra help from those who were qualified and had expertise in helping kids with ASD. Boy was this the best decision we ever made, he started to excel academically and enjoy learning like he had not done before. Now he is a junior in high school and has went from being so far behind, to almost doing work that other kids his age are doing. He got a job on his own and has even started driving classes. Not only has the scholarship benefitted academically it also has impacted him socially, by putting him in settings with a wide range of other kids. He is more confident and continues to soar. I honestly don't know where he would be without this scholarship. Our family is so thankful for the choices we have in the scholarship programs for Ohio. We use the autism scholarship for him and the edchoice for our other three and all four of them enjoy school and have come such a long way in there education. I hope these choices remain open not only to help my kids, but all kids like our family. We are so thankful and grateful for the wonderful programs and choices we have in our state. Thank you to all who makes this happen from the bottom of our hearts. My son is doing so well that he possibly in a year will do the career academy for automotive technology, thank you again.