# 2020 NEW PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

# OVERVIEW, DIRECTIONS, APPLICATION

The American Art Therapy Association and its generous donors provide an opportunity for New Professionals, who are also new attendees to conference, to attend our National Annual Conference. AATA aims to encourage the growth of the profession by helping our newest professionals access information and resources for networking and to support the work that they do.

**APPLICATION DIRECTIONS**

1. Applicants must be current *New Professional* members of the American Art Therapy Association or students who have graduated in the spring or summer prior to the AATA’s upcoming annual conference.
2. All applications, with full attachments must be received by **May 1, 2020**.

**DEADLINE**

**May 1** is the deadline for applying for all scholarships. All applications including all attachments must be mailed to the address below and received by May 1, 2020. Incomplete application packets and those received after May 1, 2020 will not be considered.

**DATE AWARDED**

Scholarships are announced each year at the American Art Therapy Association Annual Conference Awards ceremony. Recipients will be notified in June about the decision on their application.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LEVELS**

Scholarships are determined each year through the Association’s annual budget process. The AATA will award up to two awards in the amount of one full conference registration per recipient.

For 2020, the AATA is excited to announce that student & new professional recipients of these conference registration scholarships will also receive a $100 stipend to assist with conference related expenses. A check in this amount will be available for recipients to pick up on-site at the conference.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS (PLEASE READ):

* **A completed Application Form must be submitted.**
* **Two (2) academic or work-related signed letters of recommendation must be received in the application package.** (These letters should not be sent separately from the application package as they may not arrive by the deadline and the letter may be confused with other applications.) The letters should be on the letterhead of the institution they represent and the contact of the reference should be included.
* **One essay, limited to two (2) double spaced typed pages** which includes your professional art therapy experiences, a statement about the obstacles that made it difficult for you to attend conference, how attending conference would change you/your art therapy practice, and how would you share your conference attendance experience with others. Your full name and mailing address should be included at the top of the essay. **Please do not bind or staple documents or include extraneous information with your application.** The Association is not responsible for collecting information that is not included in the Application Packet; the applicant is solely responsible for ensuring that all materials are received to meet the required deadline of May 1. All documents should be included in one application packet.

**Mail or E-mail** the complete application package to:

**American Art Therapy Association**

**4875 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 240**

**Alexandria, VA 22304**

**Info@arttherapy.org**

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**Name**: **\_**

**Address**: **\_**

**Phone**: \_ **E-mail**: \_

**Degree** **Title**: \_

**Month/Year of** **Graduation**: \_ **School**: \_

Names and relation of individuals submitting letters of recommendation on your behalf (letters are to be submitted in a sealed, signed envelope from the reference or emailed to AATA on professional letterhead):

**1st**: \_ **Relationship**: \_ **2nd**: \_ **Relationship**: \_

1. **Please check the appropriate box**:

 [ ]  I am currently a New Professional Member of AATA.

[ ]  I am NOT currently a New Professional Member of AATA.

1. **Please check the appropriate box**:

[ ] I have attended an AATA Annual Conference in the past.

[ ] I have never attended an AATA Annual Conference (if checked, please proceed to #3).

1. **Please check all that apply**:

[ ]  I hope to attend the 2020 AATA Annual Conference.

[ ]  I am unable to pay the 2020 AATA Annual Conference registration fee.

1. **Obstacles to attend conference (please check all that apply)**:

[ ]  Conference fees

[ ]  Travel/lodging expenses

[ ]  Lack of transportation

[ ]  Family obligations

[ ]  Physical health concerns

[ ]  Other (please explain): \_

1. **Please include a 1-2 page personal statement telling us about yourself and address the following**:
* Tell us about your professional art therapy experiences, i.e., current position, the population you serve, research interests, advocacy/volunteer work, etc.
* Tell us a little bit more about the obstacles that have made it difficult for you to attend conference.
* How would attending the conference change you/your art therapy practice?
* If you had the opportunity to attend conference on a scholarship, how would you share your experience with others?