

## **AUTISM ASSESSMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024/2025**

Autism Diagnostic Assessment Scholarships are available for children to access assessment services provided by Kids Are Kids!

**The closing date for applications is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 4pm.**

**These scholarships are available thanks to a generous donation by a private foundation.**



**Applications for the 2024 Autism Assessment Scholarships are now open** to any family whose child meets the following criteria:

- Aged between 0 - 18 years
- Is showing traits or characteristics of neurodiversity (Autism).
- Lives in Western Australia.

Priority will be given to applicants who are unable to afford the cost of an assessment. Moreover, priority will be given to applicants who, without an assessment or while experiencing a long wait time for assessment, will continue to have significant difficulty or deterioration in their functioning, participation and engagement at school, home and in the community.

### **Application and Attachments:**

Please provide answers to the following questions and attach any additional information that you believe may support your application.

All information received will be maintained in confidence. Families may choose to consent to an advocate complete this application on their behalf.

### **General Assessment Details**

An assessment can take up to 5 hours of direct assessment. This will involve both direct assessment of your child and observations of your child in a natural setting, as well as a parent and teacher clinical interview and completion of questionnaires. Therefore, parents must have the capacity to be involved in the assessment process.

Barriers to completing an assessment would include parents not having capacity to participate in the clinical interview or completion of questionnaires.

### **Closing Date:**

The closing date for applications is 4pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**Send Application to:** Lisa Hoffman, Executive Officer

Mail: Kids Are Kids! PO Box 1096, Booragoon WA 6954  
Hand delivery: 26 Parry Avenue, Bateman WA 6150 or 16 Clarence Road, Armadale 6112  
Email: [info@kidsarekids.org.au](mailto:info@kidsarekids.org.au)

### **Notification:**

Families will be notified of the application outcome by phone or email by February 2025.

## Kids Are Kids! Autism Assessment Scholarship Application Form

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (i.e., Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

A supporting letter from my GP/Paediatrician is enclosed (*optional*)

Is the child an Australian citizen or permanent resident? (*Please circle one*)

Yes                  No

If no, please provide details:

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Is the application being completed by a third party on behalf of the family? (*Please circle one*)

Yes                  No

If yes, please provide your details :

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Please answer all questions on the application form and provide as much information as possible in each section. Additional reports or supporting documents may be attached to this application.

**1. Profile of your child's situation – please describe the type of concerns/difficulties your child has using the categories below. If relevant please include schooling, family situation, the effect and impact of the difficulty on the family and the child's quality of life.**

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Language and communication

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Self-care, self-regulation and life skills

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Social/emotional development

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Sensory Development

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Gross/fine motor skills

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Cognitive and learning skills

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Attention, concentration and memory

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Impact on the family

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**2. School and Social History**

How is your child performing at school academically?

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Has your child received any educational support or accommodations?

(please *circle* one)

Yes                  No

If yes, please describe

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**3. Do you have parental capacity to be involved in the assessment process? (please circle one)**

Yes                      No

If no, please describe

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**4. Previous Assessment and Therapy History**

**Previous Assessments**

Has your child had any of the following assessments	Tick	Date completed
Developmental assessment (Pediatrician)		
Cognitive assessment (Psychologist)		
Language and speech assessment (Speech Pathologist)		
Sensory Assessment (Occupational Therapist)		

**Is your child on a waitlist for an assessment? (please circle one)**

Yes                      No

If yes, please detail which waitlist they are on, how long have they been on the waitlist and when you are expected to have the assessment

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If no, please describe

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**Has your child received previous therapeutic intervention or are they currently receiving therapeutic intervention?** (please *circle* one)

Yes                      No

If yes, please describe

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**5. Assessment needs – please describe the type of assessment service your child would benefit from, including a list of the priority needs for your child.**

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Is the child registered with NDIS or Department of Communities- Disability? (Please *circle* one)

Yes                      No

Is the child receiving government funded therapy services? (Please *circle* one)

*(Inclusive of Child Development Centre, DoC, NDIS)*

Yes                      No

**6. Anticipated outcomes – please describe how an assessment will benefit your child and family.**

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How would an assessment improve your child’s participation and inclusion in both home, school and community activities and their independence?

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**7. Financial considerations – please describe the current financial situation of the family and how an assessment scholarship may assist with any financial difficulties.**

To what extent is your family financially constrained? *(Tick one box only)*

- Very disadvantaged
- Somewhat disadvantaged
- Coping OK
- No financial issues

Total annual household income? *(Tick 1 only)*

- \$0 - \$50,000
- \$51,000 - \$75,000
- \$76,000 - \$100,000
- \$101,000 +

*(Please circle)*

Does the family have private health cover?	Yes	No
Does the family have a health care card?	Yes	No
Does the family have a carers’ card?	Yes	No

**Declaration**

I declare that all information presented in this application is true and correct. If I am awarded an Assessment Scholarship and any of my circumstances relevant to this application change I will notify Kids Are Kids! within 10 days of the change.

Parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for registering your interest in the Autism Assessment Scholarship Program.