

## Florida Resident Autism Spectrum Puppy Scholarship

Thank you for applying for the Autism scholarship. Pet therapy comes in many shape and sizes and we know just as much as you do, how beneficial animals can be for children on the spectrum.

This scholarship is in place to verify that an autistic child under the age of 21 actually lives in the household receiving the puppy.

Only 1 full scholarship will be awarded per year.  
Puppy may not be adopted for someone else using this scholarship

Please submit the following information via email - [theminiassiecompany@gmail.com](mailto:theminiassiecompany@gmail.com)

1). Sign medical release form with your PCP allowing The Mini Aussie Company verify diagnosis if need be. Please include the scanned copy or snap shot of signed medical release in your email to us.

2). Submit a signed letter from your PCP/behavior therapist with the following included:

- Name of office, name of provider, and all contact information
- Name and current age of autistic child
- Age of autism diagnosis
- Co-existing conditions or limitations
- Recommendation for pet therapy by PCP
  - If your PCP does not think it is safe for your child to have an animal please follow their recommendations for the safety of your family and the dog
- Signature of PCP and credentials
  - Must be MD, DO, NP, PA signing letter

3). If you child is adopted you must submit documentation to show you are the permanent legal guardian

4). Submit a short essay describing your child and family the biggest challenge you have encountered with autism

5). Attach one picture of your autistic child or a family photo

Please remember to fill out the general puppy application, found on the website