Dear Student, Guidance Counselor or Paraprofessional:

The Capital Area Education Association is pleased to announce the 2021 CAEA Special Education Scholarship Program.

Amount: One $500.00 scholarship will be awarded.

Eligibility: Two groups of individuals are eligible to apply.

1. Students currently attending a secondary school served by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit who are planning to enroll in a post-secondary program which leads to a degree in Special Education, Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Adaptive Physical Education or School Psychology. **The intent of the applicant must be to eventually work with students with special needs.**

2. Paraprofessionals currently working for the CAIU, who are volunteer members of the Capital Area Education Association, and who are planning to enroll or are already enrolled in a post-secondary program which leads to a degree in Special Education, Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Adaptive Physical Education, or School Psychology. **The intent of the applicant must be to eventually work with students with special needs.**

Timeline: **Printed and completed applications are due by April 15, 2021.** It is important that all sections of the four page application be completed. Other required documents: include a copy of the school transcript and at least two reference letters. Duplicate the application as needed. Results will be announced by May 10, 2021.

Mail applications to: Mrs. Emily Sidelinger
600 Lisburn Rd.
Wellsville, PA 17365
(If you wish to be notified that your application has been received, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Questions: Please e-mail Emily Sidelinger at esidelinger@caiu.org.

Sincerely,

Emily Sidelinger
CAEA Scholarship Chairperson
CAPITAL AREA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type neatly)

Name: _________________________________ Date: __________________
Address: ________________________________
Email Address: ____________________________
Social Security Number: ________________ Phone: __________________
Secondary email: _________________________ Phone: __________________
Parent/Guardian/Spouse’s Name: ________________________________
Ages of Siblings: __________________________
High School: ___________________________ Graduation Date: ______________
Other Schooling beyond High School: ________________________________
Cumulative Average: ______________________
Extra-Curricular Activities: ________________________________
Honors: ___________________________________

ALL APPLICANTS:
Volunteer Experiences or Paid Work Experiences:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
College you plan to attend or are attending: ________________________________
College Address: ________________________________________________________
College Phone Number: __________________________________________________
College Acceptance Date: __________________________ Anticipated Occupation:
High School Guidance Counselor’s Name: ____________________________________
High School Guidance Counselor’s telephone number: _______________________

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
Please include a copy of your high school transcript as of this application date. Applications missing their school transcript will receive an automatic 0 for this section on the scoring rubric.
CAIU EMPLOYEES:
Please include a copy of your college transcript as of this application date (if already enrolled). If unsure of what transcript to submit, please contact Emily Sidelinger.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
For what other scholarships have you applied?
______________________________________________________________________________
What other scholarships have you received?
______________________________________________________________________________
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Your cost of attendance for 2021-22 school year:
Tuition: _______________________________________________________________________
Room & board: __________________________________________________________________
Books, supplies, etc.: __________________________________________________________________
TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE: ______________________________________________________

Expected Family Contribution (EFC): This information can be found on the Student Aid Report that you received after completing the FAFSA. ________________________________

If you are unable to locate your EFC number, you may submit a copy of the front page of your Student Aid Report (SAR).
If you did not complete a FAFSA, please include the following information (if you completed the FAFSA, please move on to next section):

Total income as reported on IRS 1040*

Parents/Spouse: ____________________________
Self: ____________________________

Non-taxable income including social security payments, non-taxable interest and dividends, unemployment compensation, and any other income no subject to tax*:

Parents/Spouse: ____________________________
Self: ____________________________

*Or attach a copy of most recent IRS Form

Cash savings, real estate and business investments including stocks, bonds, etc.:

Parents/Spouse: ____________________________
Self: ____________________________

Current Residence:  

□ House  
□ Apartment

If house:  

□ Rent  
□ Own
If own: house value: ____________________________
Amount of outstanding mortgage: ____________________________

ALL applicants complete the following:

List your reasons for requesting financial aid. Indicate any extenuating circumstances, financial or personal, that you or your family have, which would assist the scholarship committee in its selection:

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Please explain why you intend to pursue a career in Special Education. Explain any specific activities, persons, or events which have influenced your decision to become a Special Education teacher. If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet.

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Please list any experiences you have had working with people with special needs. (If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet.)

References: Please attach a letter from each of your references. One reference should be from a person who has knowledge of your interest and/or experience in the field of your anticipated occupation.

Teacher Reference: Name: ____________________________________________
Subject: ____________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________________________

Second Reference: Name: ____________________________________________
Relationship: ____________________________________________
Occupation: ____________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________________________

Mail completed application with all information (school transcript and reference letters) to:

Emily Sidelinger
600 Lisburn Rd.
Wellsville, PA 17365

Completed 4-page applications with transcript and reference letters must be received by April 15, 2021.