



# OCASG 2024 Jameson Whittaker Memorial Scholarship

The Orange County Asperger's Support Group (OCASG) is pleased to announce the fourth annual Jameson Whittaker Memorial Scholarship, that will be awarded to an incoming high school senior or recent high school graduate who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and has demonstrated kindness and resilience in overcoming life's challenges.

The scholarship is in memory of Jameson Daniel Edward Whittaker, a special young man who tragically passed away seven years ago when he fell while visiting the Grand Canyon in Arizona on a family vacation. Jameson was the son of Larry and Deborah Whittaker. He grew up in Irvine and led his life demonstrating a beautiful mind and spirit. After his death, Deborah Whittaker was asked to join the Orange County Asperger's Support Group board, where she serves today as a board member and as secretary of the organization.



## **Jameson Daniel Edward Whittaker**

Arrival at Newport Beach, CA on  
August 25, 1992

Departure from Grand Canyon, AZ  
on June 27, 2016

"OCASG is honored to be awarding this scholarship, in honor of Jameson and the Whittaker family," said Judi Uttal, President of the Orange County Asperger's Support Group. "We are thrilled to be able to recognize a teen with ASD who has demonstrated a strong spirit and a desire to do good. We are hoping that this scholarship will make a difference by acknowledging a member of the ASD community."

## **About The Orange County Asperger's Support Group (OCASG)**

OCASG was founded in 2003 by parents seeking to improve the quality of life for teens, adults, and their families who are dealing with Asperger's, high-functioning autism, and PDD-NOS. The organization has grown to over 1900 member families. Programming includes support groups, monthly education series, social activities such as game nights, cooking classes, and art classes and more. For nearly ten years, OCASG has offered a Toastmasters Club for individuals on the Spectrum and is leading the country in the use of Toastmasters to help individuals with ASD improve their communication and social skills, while making friends. The Orange County Asperger's Support Group is a nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Visit OCASG online at

[www.ocaspergers.org](http://www.ocaspergers.org)

## **Scholarship Details**

Scholarship Amount: \$500

Applications Due: Monday, May 1, 2024

Scholarship Awarded: Monday, May 13, 2024

Requirements: Graduating Senior or Student Entering Senior Year with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder

## **Scholarship Application:**

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