

LANCASTER-LEBANON IU13 JAE DAVIS PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

Bridging Knowledge to Know-How: Empowering Pennsylvania Educators and Partners

The Lancaster County Convention Center Lancaster, PA

August 4 - 7, 2026

Named in memory of Jae Davis—a devoted mother, early autism advocate, and pioneer in home-based education—this program honors her extraordinary impact. Jae created one of the first in-home instructional programs for children with autism in the United States, drawing visits from leading experts such as Dr. Mary Jane Weiss, Dr. Rebecca Landa, and Dr. Vince Carbone, as well as legislators, educators, and families seeking her insight. She established one of the earliest internship models for Franklin & Marshall, Millersville, and Penn State students, and she tirelessly lobbied at federal, state, and local levels for autism-specific classrooms. Educators regularly came to her home to learn from her innovative practices.

Jae was known for her generosity—supporting additional children in her home program, developing individualized therapies, counseling parents, attending IEP meetings, and traveling to assist overwhelmed families. Her advocacy and service were recognized widely, including honors from autism organizations, the State Senate, and a tribute delivered by Congressman Greenwood on the anniversary of her passing.

Scholarships are available to parents of children (ages 3 through 22) diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder who are served by IU13 or any of our 22 member districts. The Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Jae Davis Parent Scholarship will sponsor up to **20** parents (families) to attend the Bridging Knowledge to Know-How conference. Documentation of expenses will be needed prior to reimbursement. The scholarship funds the following items:

1. Parent registration fee for either a single day or multiple days depending on parental request.
2. Transportation is the responsibility of the scholarship winner. Mileage will be reimbursed to and from the Lancaster Convention Center. Mileage will not be reimbursed for other travel during your stay at the conference.
3. Childcare is provided for children and adults 4-22 through Camp InsPirAtion whose family/caregivers are attending the Bridging Knowledge to Know-How conference.
4. Language translators are **not** available.

A committee comprised of parents, IU13 and school district representatives and agency personnel committed to improving services to students with Autism will review the applications.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Parent Registration Fee
Mileage
Child Care through Camp InsPirAtion

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Application Due April 13, 2026

On the designated page provided, please describe why you would benefit from attending the conference. Also provide some examples of how you would use, and share with others, the information gained.

Please return the application by April 13, 2026 via email at: JaeDavisScholarship@iu13.org.

Application Information:

Last Name:		First Name:		MI	
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:		Cell:	
Email:					
Child's Information					
Child's Name			Child's Age		
Child's School			Child's Teacher		
Home District					

Conference Attendance Information:

I can attend the following day(s) of the conference: (check all that apply)

- Tuesday, August 4, 2026
- Wednesday, August 5, 2026
- Thursday, August 6, 2026
- Friday, August 7, 2026

I or my family member has received a scholarship in the past.

- Yes No If yes, what year?

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Essay: Please describe why attending this conference would be helpful for you and share a few examples of how you would use the new information gained.