

33rd Annual CARD Conference 2026

January 16-18, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

For parents, caregivers and teachers of students with ASD and related disabilities through the UF Health Jacksonville Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) program

The 33rd Annual CARD Conference will be held at The Florida Mall Hotel this year. The conference will offer a series of breakout sessions and keynote presentations by experts in the field of autism and related disabilities. The purpose of the annual conference is to provide information on state-of-the-art practices in areas that promote quality community based life-styles for individuals with autism, deaf-blindness, and related disabilities. Conference participants will learn about current research findings and their implications as well as practical strategies related to communication and social interventions, transition to adulthood, positive behavior support, early intervention, and social and community inclusion.

For more information, visit the website: <https://cardconference.info/>
Registration is \$98.00 for Family/Educators.

The UF Health - Jacksonville, Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is offering scholarships to parents and educators who would like to attend the 2026 Annual CARD Conference. Interested individuals should complete the attached application and follow the directions below. We are looking for individuals who can attend the conference and then bring back knowledge to share with others. All scholarship recipients will be asked to attend a virtual “Lunch and Learn” where they will present and share their experiences and knowledge gained from attending the conference. We have two “Lunch and Learn” sessions scheduled. One will take place on February 20, 2026 and the other on March 20, 2026 from 12PM–1PM via Zoom. Please notate on the application which session you will be able to attend.

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Choose either February 20, 2026 or March 20, 2026, to attend a virtual Lunch and Learn to share your knowledge and experience.
3. Mail, fax, or email the completed application to the address listed below. **Please submit the application as soon as possible. As space is limited. The deadline to turn in applications will be 11/15/2024!**

Fax (Attention: Alana Leath): 904.633.0817

Email to: Alana Leath: alana.leath@jax.ufl.edu

4. Scholarship Applicants will be notified via email or phone.
5. Preference will be given to those who have not previously received a CARD scholarship.
6. Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship will need to register for the conference. You will need to create a UF Portal Account for reimbursement. Following the conference, you will need to submit your receipts for the registration fee, hotel, mileage to and from the conference and per diem for meals for 1 person. Once those are submitted you will be reimbursed by the University. Reimbursement takes between 6-8 weeks. Unfortunately, we cannot provide funds prior to the event nor reimburse for costs covering CEUs.



What does scholarship include?

Reimbursement for CARD Conference Scholarships:

Registration Fee

Hotel stay

Mileage to and from conference

Per diem for meals for 1 person

How do I submit?

Once your scholarship has been approved and you have registered for the conference, email your receipt to Alana Leath at alana.leath@jax.ufl.edu. You will also be asked to complete UF Health Vendor forms via the UF Vendor Portal System, in order for you to be reimbursed after the conference.

Reimbursement for expenses will take 6-8 weeks to process following submission of reimbursement paperwork, after the conference has ended.

Conference Registration Fees

Proof of registration (email confirmation) **which must include proof of payment (balance owed: zero).**

Hotel Fees

Official invoice from the hotel. Will cover the cost of the room only. **Bill should include proof of payment(balance owed: zero)**

Mileage

Mileage will be calculated from your home to the conference and back. Confirmation of home address will be needed.

State Per Diem for Meals

Meals will be reimbursed in accordance with the State of Florida per diem rates for 1 person, providing food is not already provided during the event.



**Parent/Educator Scholarship Application
Annual CARD Conference
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Your Name: _____

Your Child's Name: _____

Your Place of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County you reside in: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Have you previously attended the CARD Conference? _____

What do you hope to learn by attending the CARD conference? _____

Is there any additional information that you would like to share with us?

Please choose which Lunch and Learn date will work best for you to attend virtually and present:

_____ February 20, 2026 _____ March 20, 2026 (participation is required)

Signature: _____ Date: _____