

**BCH Wrightslaw Special Education Law and
Advocacy Training Bootcamp Scholarship**

*Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training Bootcamp
April 6 & 7, 2012
Baystate Education Conference Center
361 Whitney Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040*

Baystate Children's Hospital (BCH) is happy to offer a scholarship to the Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training Bootcamp with the purpose of helping parents, guardians, patients, professionals, and interested adults, who wish to gain education and training in the field of special education law and advocacy.

Scholarship opportunities are available to those who meet one of the following criteria:

- a) Current and former Baystate Children's Hospital patients (16 yrs and older) who have a vested interest in learning special education laws and obtaining knowledge and skills to advocate for themselves.
- b) Parents/ guardians of children with special needs who have a vested interest in receiving education and training in special education law and advocacy in order to enhance a child's potential and future.
- c) Baystate Children's Hospital volunteer with an interest in learning more about special education law and advocacy for the sole purpose of helping and supporting a family member or friend.
- d) Professional involved in children's health and education who is interested in strengthening their knowledge and skills in educational law and advocacy.

**Scholarship Application
(Limited scholarships available)**

- 1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **February 29, 2012**
- 2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
- 3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed.
- 4. Type or print legibly. You may also download a copy of the application online at www.baystatehealth.org/bch.
- 5. Scholarship recipients will be expected to share their learnings with BCH Patient and Family Advisory Council members and BCH leadership at a 2012 advisory council meeting or may elect to mail / email a written summary **no later than September 30, 2012**. (300 words or less)
- 6. Scholarship recipients will be notified **no later than March 12st, 2012**.

7. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Deborah Smith, coordinator, at 413-794-2164 or Deborah.Smith2@BaystateHealth.org

Award Criteria:

Applicant must meet **two** of the following criteria below:

1. Applicant is 16 years or older and is a current or former patient at Baystate Children's Hospital
2. Applicant is the parent or guardian of a child who is currently receiving or has received services at Baystate Children's Hospital
3. Applicant is a Baystate Children's Hospital volunteer
4. Applicant is a professional in children's health and education

AND

1. Applicant is the parent or guardian of a school-age child (3 years to 22 years) with special needs
2. Applicant is an adolescent/young adult who would benefit from this education
3. Applicant has strong interest in gaining education and training in the field of special education law and advocacy for the sole purpose of strengthening their ability to support and advocate for children in the western MA community.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. Personal Essay. In a short paragraph share - **Why you are interested in attending the Special Education Law and Advocacy Training Bootcamp and what benefit do you hope to receive from the education and training?**
3. Deadline for the application is **February 29, 2012.**
4. Announcement of Scholarship Recipients: no later than March 12, 2012. If selected, you will receive a call to confirm that you are still interested and available to attend.

Please submit application via mail or email to:

Deborah Smith
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Scholarship Application 2012**

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Conditions of Scholarship:

1. Limited scholarships available.
2. Applications must be received by Baystate Children's Hospital by February 29, 2012.
3. Parents, guardians, current and former patients of Baystate Children's Hospital who are over 16 years of age, BCH staff, BCH volunteers, and other professionals as indicated below are eligible.

**BCH Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training Bootcamp
Scholarship Application Form**

Please **type** or **print** your answers clearly.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number/ Cell number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Relationship with Baystate Children's Hospital (BCH): check one that best describes applicant:

- Applicant is 16 years or older and is a current or former patient at BCH
- Applicant is the parent or guardian of a child who is currently receiving or has received services at BCH.
- Applicant is a BCH staff member or volunteer
- Applicant is a professional in children's health and education

AND check most applicable:

- Applicant is the parent or guardian of a school-age child (3 years to 22 years) with special needs
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PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

Personal Essay: (see attached document)

In a short paragraph share - Why are you interested in attending the Special Education Law and Advocacy Training Bootcamp and what benefit do you hope to receive from the education and training?

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