

Application Deadline - February 28, 2025

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**Nominate a young person with a disability to receive a scholarship for achievement to support their future plans!**

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) is proud to offer the Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award to support North Carolina high school seniors with disabilities. The award amount is \$1,500, with the potential for a higher amount and/or runner ups, depending on funds. This scholarship is awarded directly to the student and can be used for any postsecondary experience, including further education, employment related expenses, independent living, pursuing hobbies, or purchasing assistive technology and/or other equipment needs. (Because the amount is over \$600, the student will receive a 1099 form).

#### **WHO'S ELIGIBLE?**

**ANY high school senior in North Carolina with ANY type of disability.**

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This includes:

- Students who are homeschooled, enrolled in private schools, public charter schools, or traditional public schools.
- Students with or without a 504 Plan or IEP.
- Students who will receive either a diploma or a certificate.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

Matthew Carmen Graziadei was a remarkable young man who died in January 1998 at the age of 26. At the age of seven Matt was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. He graduated from Myers Park High School in Charlotte, NC and was elected to Who's Who in American High School Students. Matt was a student intern at the Charlotte Mint Museum and served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association both locally and statewide. He achieved President's Honors at Central Piedmont Community College and served in Washington, DC with the US Surgeon General's Council on Families and Disabilities. Matt also started his own business and was a contractor in facilities, engineering and computer services.

Scholarship recipients reflect the qualities that defined Matthew C. Graziadei:

- Determination – believing you can go beyond what seems possible
- Perseverance – staying strong even when things are tough
- Persistence – trying again and again until you succeed
- Dedication – putting in steady effort to reach your goals
- Confidence – trusting yourself to handle challenges
- Motivation – focusing on opportunities instead of barriers
- Accomplishment – achieving success while embracing new possibilities

### How to Apply:

Click on the link below to access the application and submit by Friday, February 28, 2025.

Questions? Please email us at: [mcgaward@ecacmail.org](mailto:mcgaward@ecacmail.org)

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