

**New Jersey Branch  
International Dyslexia Association  
Scholarship Application**

**NJIDA/NJSHA Joint Spring Virtual Conference:**

**Wednesdays: April 30 & May 7, 2025 (7:00-9:00 p.m.)**

**Balaban Scholarship**

Dr. Mae J. Balaban, an innovative member of NJIDA and NJSHA, was the driving force behind numerous teacher-training initiatives. In 1998, recognizing the positive potential of a joint conference, Dr. Balaban formed the "Spring Conference Committee" that brought the finest researchers and clinicians to New Jersey under her leadership for 16 years. To honor her memory, a limited number of scholarships are available to NJSHA and/or NJIDA members currently providing structured literacy instruction to individuals (preschool through adulthood) who are experiencing difficulty learning to decode and comprehend text.

**N.B. The Balaban Scholarship provides complimentary registration to the NJIDA/NJSHA Joint Conference April 30 & May 7, 2025, only.**

**PRE-REQUISITE TO APPLY:**

- Membership in NJIDA or NJSHA
- Currently Working

I am a member of:      NJIDA      NJSHA

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Academic History:**

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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**State Certifications:**

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**Other Certifications:**

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**Current Employment/Student Population:**

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**Why are you applying for this scholarship?** (Maximum: two paragraphs - attach to this form.) **Return by April 1, 2025 to:**

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