

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

NJIDA/NJSHA Joint Spring Virtual Conference:

**Tuesdays:
March 3 & 10, 2026 (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 Mar. 3 & 10, 2026, only.

PRE-REQUISITE TO APPLY:

- **Membership in NJIDA or NJSHA**
- **Currently Working**

I am a member of: NJIDA NJSHA (circle one)

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail: _____

Cell: _____

Academic History:

Degree: _____ Institution: _____ Date: _____ Major: _____

Degree: _____ Institution: _____ Date: _____ Major: _____

Degree: _____ Institution: _____ Date: _____ Major: _____

State Certifications:

State: _____ Area: _____

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Other Certifications:

Current Employment/Student Population:

Why are you applying for this scholarship? (Maximum: two paragraphs - attach to this form.) **Return by Feb 1, 2026 to:**

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