

How Individuals Can Benefit from FEAT – Houston Scholarship Opportunities

FEAT-Houston offers Conference Stipends, Workshop Scholarships and Tuition Reimbursement to Individuals Working with Children and Adults Who Have Autism



1. Conference Stipends: Association for Behavior Analysis

FEAT-Houston encourages public school teachers to pursue certification in Behavior Analysis and to become active in the Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (TXABA, www.txaba.org), Lone Star Association for Behavior Analysis (LSABA) and the Association for Behavior Analysis International (www.abainternational.org). Reimbursements of up to \$350 to attend the annual national conference (usually Memorial Day weekend) are available.

Applicants must submit their request and be approved for the stipend in advance of attendance and must submit receipts following the conference for reimbursement. In addition to sessions on autism, the national conference offers tracks in such other areas of the field as organizational behavior management and developmental disabilities.

FEAT-Houston obligates stipend recipients to attend a number of sessions in the autism and developmental disabilities tracks with the intention of a brief FEAT-Houston meeting presentation as a follow-up.

2. Scholarships to FEAT-Houston Workshops

FEAT-Houston works with the Lone Star Association for Behavior Analysis (LSABA) to sponsor several workshops each year on the essential elements of ABA and more advanced topics (ABCs and 123s). FEAT-Houston offers scholarships for these workshops **to teachers and staff in the public schools who work with children with autism or PDD**. Students are offered a special discount rate and there are a few free spaces reserved for families with financial need. Scholarships are offered for each workshop on a space available basis.

3. Behavior Analysis Course Tuition Reimbursement

FEAT-Houston offers tuition reimbursement for courses offered by accredited colleges and universities in basic and advanced behavior modification principles and techniques to individuals working in the public schools with children and adults with autism in the Greater Houston area. Eligible coursework is that required by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board for certification (See www.BACB.com). These courses help prepare applicants who meet other qualifications to sit for the written exams to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA). Approved courses are offered at The University of Houston Clear Lake and Downtown, Sam Houston State University, and various other programs.

Students must apply in advance for tuition reimbursement. Applicants should have at least a year of experience working in ABA-based programs with individuals with autism/PDD, and intend to continue working in the Houston area with this population as a career. The cost of tuition and books will be reimbursed up to \$500 per course **upon completion** with a grade of 'B' or better. Applications are available year-round for FEAT-Houston's tuition reimbursement program. Students should **apply prior to finishing** the course to be approved.



Online Courses in Behavior Analysis also eligible for FEAT's tuition reimbursement are available through The University of North Texas and The University of Houston. For more information on these programs see "Training Opportunities" under the "For Professionals" section on the FEAT website.

All FEAT-Houston scholarships are approved on a case-by-case basis by its Board of Directors. For an application for any of these scholarship opportunities write or call FEAT-Houston, (281) 361-3328, or contact feathouston@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations to support this program are gratefully accepted.

- *BCaBA (Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst) and BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) are designations of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. For more information visit the Board's website at: www.bacb.com.*