The “Autism Can Do Scholarship” from John’s Crazy Socks is Accepting Applications for 2021

The Third Annual Autism Can Do Scholarship, co-sponsored by John’s Crazy Socks and the Doug Flutie, Jr Foundation for Autism, is now accepting applications.

The program will present a $5,000 scholarship to a person with autism in the United States or Canada to use to further his or her education. Applications are due no later than June 15, 2021. The application can be found at the scholarship page at the John’s Crazy Socks website.

John Cronin, who co-founded John’s Crazy Socks and happens to have Down syndrome, said, “We want this scholarship to show the world what people with autism can do and we want to help people make their dreams come true.”

Nick Savarese, Executive Director of the Flutie Foundation, said, “We are excited to co-sponsor this scholarship. We know what people with autism can achieve and we want to help others to reach their fullest potential.”

John’s Crazy Socks is a social enterprise that works every day to show what people with differing abilities can accomplish. More than half of their employees have a differing ability and many are on the autism spectrum. The Autism Can Do Scholarship is part of the Giving Back Program at John’s Crazy Socks. It is never enough to just sell stuff, we all need to give back, to give back to our community, to give back to show appreciation for the good fortune we have received.

John’s co-founder and father, Mark X. Cronin, says, “There are plenty of scholarships for the very top students and for athletes and some of those may be won by people on the autism spectrum. We want this scholarship to shine a bright light on the hard work, accomplishments and talents of people with autism.”

To enter the competition for the scholarship, a person must complete a brief application, provide a brief personal statement and submit a sock design. Applicants need not have a background in fashion or design to submit a design, only an active imagination. Past winners include Brandon Cheng of Wilmington, Massachusetts and Garret Nichols, of Clinton, Arkansas.
To learn more and to find and submit the application go to the [Autism Can Do Scholarship page at the John’s Crazy Socks website](https://www.johnscrazysocks.com/scholarship).

### About the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism

The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism has a mission to help people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest. The Foundation wants to create a world where people with autism lead productive lives where they are included, respected, and actively engaged in their communities.

Flutie Foundation programs and activities improve the quality of everyday life for people and families affected by autism along seven key dimensions that are critical to living each day fully. They aim to provide a path for education and/or employment during the day; opportunities for physical and social activity outside of work/school; and the tools to be safe, supported, and informed at all times.

To learn more about the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism please visit their website [www.flutiefoundation.org](http://www.flutiefoundation.org).

### About John’s Crazy Socks

John’s Crazy Socks was inspired by John Lee Cronin, a young man with Down syndrome, and his love of colorful and fun socks—what he calls his “crazy socks.” He and his father Mark X. Cronin started the company as a social enterprise built on four pillars:

- **Inspiration and Hope:** We hire people with differing abilities, share videos to show what people can do, host school tours and school groups that come for work experience. We want the world to see what people with differing abilities can do.
- **Giving Back:** We donate 5 percent of our earnings to the Special Olympics and raise money through our [Sock of the Month Club](https://www.johnscrazysocks.com/sock-month-club) and charity and awareness socks for our charity partners like Autism Speaks, the Autism Society of America, the National Down Syndrome Society, and the Williams Syndrome Association. We have raised more than $425,000 for our charity partners and publish a monthly Giving Back Report.
- **Products You Can Love:** We have over 2,000 different socks plus a Sock of the Month Club, gift boxes and gift bags. We also have a selection of greeting cards, face masks and apparel. Our selection is matched by our customer service: Most customers receive their packages within three days of ordering.
- **Making It Personal:** Every package gets a thank-you note from John and some candy.

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