

**American Academy of Pediatrics Autism Subcommittee**  
**Call for Applications: Autistic Individual Member of the Autism Subcommittee**

**[Complete the Application for this Position Here by April 22, 2022](#)**

Are you an autistic adult/adult with autism\* who has a passion for improving the lives of autistic children, young adults, and their families? The Autism Subcommittee, a group within the American Academy of Pediatrics, is looking for an adult with autism to join the Subcommittee.

*\* For the purposes of this “Call for Application” we are using person first and identify first language interchangeably to reflect different preferences in language. If you are interested in this role, please let us know how you would like to be identified.*

**What is the Autism Subcommittee?**

- The Autism Subcommittee, or ASC, is a volunteer group (about 12 people) within the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#).
- The ASC includes pediatricians, specialists, a family/caregiver, and partners from organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.
- The ASC works to support children and young adults with autism, their families/caregivers, and the clinicians who care for them.
- The ASC writes policies, answers media requests, develops educational resources, and advocates for the needs of these communities.
- The ASC is part of a larger volunteer group within the AAP called the Council on Children with Disabilities.

**An Ideal Candidates For this Role Is:**

- An adult on the autism spectrum who is at least 18 years of age.
- Somebody who feels comfortable sharing their experiences and perspectives with clinicians and others.
- Somebody who is familiar with organizations, resources, and supports for other autistic people.
- Somebody who is comfortable engaging with a diverse set of interdisciplinary team members.

**If appointed to this role, you would be asked to:**

- Serve in this role starting July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, with an opportunity to continue for another year if agreed upon by the ASC and individual.
- Participate in quarterly virtual ASC meetings, which will last approximately 90 minutes.
- Communicating via email with ASC staff and members regularly.
- Actively engage in ASC activities through:
  - Reviewing and commenting on ASC activities
  - Writing or reviewing articles for adolescents, young adults, and families/caregivers

- Sharing your perspective and expertise
- The time commitment is estimated at **1 hour per month**. In-person travel is not required for this role.

**Note:** We welcome all interested applicants, including those who may work with national organizations. However, the individual serving in this role will be representing themselves as an individual, not any organization or entity.

This is a volunteer position with a stipend of \$500.

### **Interested in Applying?**

If you are interested in this opportunity, [click here to complete the application](#). If you would prefer to complete the application via a Word document, have any questions about the application and/or need any assistance in completing the application, please contact Alex Kuznetsov ([akuznetsov@aap.org](mailto:akuznetsov@aap.org)) or call 630-626-6087.

Applications will be accepted through **April 22, 2022**.

As part of this application, the Autism Subcommittee requests a letter of recommendation from a pediatrician or other colleague (see details below). The letter must be submitted as part of your application by **April 22, 2022**.

**Note/Update:** We have received a number of inquiries related to the required letter of recommendation from a pediatrician as part of this application. To clarify, this should be a professional letter of recommendation, not a clinical letter of recommendation (i.e. not a letter confirming an autism diagnosis). We are looking for the letter to be from a somebody who has worked with the candidate in the past and can recommend them as a colleague. If you are interested in this position and have not worked with a pediatrician in the past, you can also submit a letter from another colleague (i.e. family physician, psychiatrist, or any other colleague you have worked with who can speak to your experiences and work style).