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Our new and improved website is now live!  
Please check it out at: [www.longislandtourette.org](http://www.longislandtourette.org)

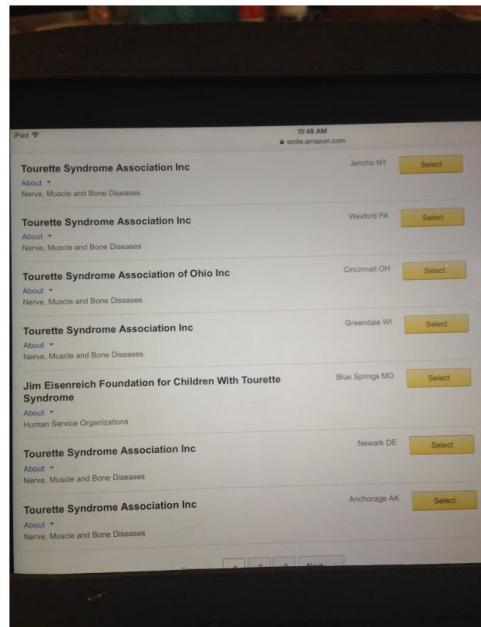


We are excited to announce that LI TA is participating in AmazonSmile!

Please support LI TA each time you shop at Amazon by logging into Amazon through AmazonSmile and selecting:

"Tourette Syndrome Association" with the Jericho address (see below image showing our chapter... there are 54 organizations listed for Tourette so please make sure you select the Jericho one!)

Please remember to log in to "AmazonSmile" before going shopping!



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## RECAPS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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The College Board has finally agreed to provide the same accommodations that students are receiving in school.

**[Click here for article](#)**

**TAA will continue to monitor this.**

**If you continue to have difficulties receiving accommodations, please contact us.**

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### **Chapter to Sponsor Trip to Hill for Four Teams**

*The Tourette Association, Long Island Chapter, is pleased to announce that, in addition to the normal sponsorship of Youth Ambassador Trainees and a parent to journey to DC for the 2017 annual training and participation in advocacy on the Hill, it will sponsor four additional teens and a parent to participate in the advocacy activities on the Hill. The experience of advocating for Tourette by visiting congressional leaders on Capitol Hill is such a life altering and empowering experience for participating teens, one that builds confidence and self esteem, as well as engendering a sense of pride, that we are hoping this partial sponsorship will encourage more teens to participate. The chapter will cover the cost of the dinner that is held the night before the advocacy event and the hotel expense for each teen and one parent/guardian.*

*Teen/parent Teams will be chosen from among applicants to best represent the geographic distribution of our chapter. We hope to have at least one representative from each congressional district. The Advocacy Experience is scheduled for March 6th (mandatory dinner) and March 7th, trip to the Hill.*

*To apply for this sponsorship, contact the chapter at: [LongIsland.TSA@gmail.com](mailto:LongIsland.TSA@gmail.com).*

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### **DOLLARS 4 TIC SCHOLARS**

**Long Island TA members are invited to apply!**

*The Kelsey B. Diamantis TS Scholarship Family Foundation, Inc., d/b/a Dollars 4 Tic Scholars awards college scholarships to students who have Tourette Syndrome. In 2015, they awarded three scholarships, and in 2016, five were awarded. They also sponsored four children to attend Tourette Syndrome summer camp since 2015.*

*The college scholarship application for 2017 has been posted on their website at [www.dollars4ticscholars.org/application](http://www.dollars4ticscholars.org/application). It must be completed and postmarked by April 15, 2017.*

To be eligible, students need to be either incoming college freshman or already in college for a four-year degree, and have a diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome or Chronic Tic Disorder.

You can find Dollars 4 Tics Scholars on Facebook at [Dollars 4 Tic Scholars](#), or, you can go to their website [www.dollars4ticscholars.org](http://www.dollars4ticscholars.org).

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*College Scholarships for Movers & Shakers --*

*Encouragement for Students with Tourette's Syndrome*



I recently learned of a new clinical research study for Tourette syndrome that I want to share with you. The T-Force Green Study is for children ages 6 to 17. The primary purpose of this study is to determine the effectiveness, safety, and tolerability of an investigational medication for Tourette syndrome. An investigational medication is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Like with any clinical research study, each interested child will be evaluated to determine his or her eligibility. All who qualify will receive the study medication, study-related medical exams, and study-related laboratory tests at no cost. It is my understanding that compensation for time and travel may also be available.

If you're interested, I've [attached a flyer](#) with more details. You can also visit [TForceGreen.com](http://TForceGreen.com) to see if your child may qualify.

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## **FAMILY FUN DAY 2017 - PLEASE VOLUNTEER**

### **June 10, 2017**

It takes many people to put together our annual Family Fun Day and we are asking all our members to consider volunteering for 2017. If you would like to help out, please email us your name, contact number and email address so we can put you on our list. Someone will contact you soon.  
Thank you.



***Tourette Syndrome Camp Organization***  
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### **Invites Long Island TA children to attend**

*Since 1994, Tourette Syndrome Camp Association has run a week long summer camp in Northern Illinois for Children with Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders. The first seven years the program was run through the Illinois Chapter. In 2002, the Tourette Syndrome Camping Organization was founded to continue running the camp program and to offer other children programming. One of those programs was running a children's program at the National Tourette Association Conference*

*The 2017 summer camp program, Tourette Syndrome Camp USA, will be from Sunday, June 25, 2017 until Saturday July 1, 2017 at YMCA Camp Duncan Near Fox Lake, Illinois (35 miles North of Chicago). The cost is \$637. Financial aid is available. This will be the 24th consecutive summer program. Tourette Syndrome Camp USA is the longest running camp of its kind in the world. In 2016 campers attended from 9 different states.*

*Information concerning the summer camp and registration as well as information regarding other programs can be found at [www.tourettecamp.com](http://www.tourettecamp.com).*

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### ***DIPLOMA OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SENATOR TODD KAMINSKY***

**Click here for a flyer inviting you and others to attend an educational forum on the Diploma options offered to students with an IEP. In attendance will be Chancellor Betty Rosa, Long Island Regent Roger Tilles, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education Christopher Suriano, Assemblyman Brian Curran and Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer. Let your voice be heard and share your thoughts on the Diploma options.**

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## *In Service Presentations*

In-service presentations took place at the following schools:

-December 6 - Roslyn High School



**REMINDER: NEXT SUPPORT GROUP - FRIDAY, February 3rd, BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M. AT DeMATTEIS CENTER, 101 Northern Blvd, Greenvale, NY. [Click here for directions.](#) See you there!**

As usual, siblings of TS kids are invited. The Youth Ambassador (peer education) training program participants will also meet. And as always, our teen Buddies will be available to the children.

**Please mark your calendar for all future Support Group Dates:**

- **March 3**
- **April 7**
- **May 5**
- **June 2**

