

RISE for Autism Application for Financial Assistance

RISE for Autism, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to individuals, or families of individuals, with Autism Spectrum Disorders. A grant program has been established to assist families in accessing services. Grant allocations will be made directly to the organization providing the service (e.g. doctor, therapist, vendor). Grant applications will be accepted between April 1 and May 31, 2019. To ensure RISE is meeting the needs of individuals across the lifespan, 25% of grant monies will be reserved for individuals over the age of 18, with the remaining monies allocated to individuals under the age of 18. The maximum grant award will be **\$500 per applicant**.

Examples of Services:

PLEASE NOTE – GRANT MONIES WILL ONLY BE AWARDED TO COVER FUTURE SERVICES, THEY CANNOT BE USED TO COVER PAST SERVICES OR OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Therapies – Speech Language, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Vision, Sensory Integration, Hippotherapy, Aquatic, Music, Art, Therapeutic Summer Programs, etc.

Educational – Applied Behavior Analysis, DIR ® Floortime, Relationship Development Intervention, Assistive Technology (including iPad and other tablet devices), etc.

Medical – Developmental Pediatrician, Biomedical Provider, etc. (appointments, treatments, supplies).

Respite Care – Scheduled times delivered by a licensed provider to care for individuals with Autism which allows families and caregivers a break (please note - funding will not be awarded to individual providers, only to the licensed agency).

Grant Applicants:

1. Must be an individual, or family of an individual with legal custody or guardianship, with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.
2. Must be a resident of the state of Maryland.
3. Must submit a complete application by May 31, 2019.

Please be advised the **household family income cap is \$125,000** (if the applicant is over 18 and still living in the family home, the household income will be considered). Additionally, family assets will be considered in the grant review process. Applications will be reviewed without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. No Board Member may apply for grant funding.

Grant Review and Disbursement:

RISE for Autism's ability to raise funds determines our grant allocations for the year. Once RISE determines how much can be allotted each year, the Board of Directors carefully reviews applications to determine amounts awarded. Due to the anticipated high volume of grant applicants, it may not be possible to fund all requests.

Grants will be awarded by June 30, 2019. Applicants will receive a letter ***stating the Board's decision***. ***If an award is made***, monies will be mailed to the appropriate organization(s) by June 30, 2019- RISE for Autism will not be available for comment on grant awards prior to June 30, 2019. Grant

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applications and documentation will not be returned to the applicant.

Submit completed application and required supporting documentation by:

*email: grants@riseforautism.org

*mail: RISE for Autism

Attn: Grant Program

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