

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When can I apply for a grant?

Anytime! We are always accepting applications, grants are awarded monthly.

### If I apply for a lower amount, do I have a better chance of being approved?

No, amount requested does not influence outcome, we encourage families to apply for the full \$1,000.00.

### What happens once I submit my application?

You will be notified via email/phone once it has been received, at this time we determine if you are missing any information or documentation.

### What happens if application is incomplete?

After we have notified you of the missing documents, your application will remain pending. Only complete applications will proceed to committee for review.

### Who can complete the application?

This grant is for your child, therefore this application must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. Therapists, teachers or service providers may only assist if English is a second language.

### When can I apply for another grant?

If you have already been awarded a grant, you will not be eligible to apply for another grant for one year (from date of first grant awarded.)

### Is this based on my income?

For the most part, yes! However, we have no income cap as we understand that a number alone does not always reflect financial situation and that autism services can be expensive. We do look at extenuating circumstances provided by the applicant in the family story along with adjusted gross income and consider each application on a case-by-case basis.

### If I have insurance can I still apply?

Yes! However the grant will only cover the portion of the bill that the family is responsible for and not for the portion of what insurance will pay.

### Can I request multiple services/equipment?

Yes, however we encourage equipment requests to utilize as few vendors as possible. See website for preferred vendors.



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## Contact Information

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## PrimeTime & Donations

PrimeTime is a spirited celebrity waiter event that is hosted by the Schneider's and the Seattle Seahawks Women's Association. For sponsorship opportunities or to make a donation, please visit: [www.primetime.seahawks.com](http://www.primetime.seahawks.com)

Thank you to our partners, donors, vendors, service providers, families and to everyone in the community who supports the work of Ben's Fund and FEAT of WA.

## The mission of Ben's Fund

**To provide families living in Washington state, financial assistance on services and equipment which are specific to their child's autism treatment.**



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**Autism Grant**  
For  
**Washington State Families**

Together we can help  
children with autism  
reach their full potential



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# Ben's Fund

FEAT of Washington

## About Ben's Fund

Established in 2012 by John & Traci Schneider (Seahawks GM) in partnership with Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Washington, Ben's Fund provides grants to families in order to help cover costs associated with supporting a child, or children, on the autism spectrum.

"We understand this need and the struggles families face first-hand as one of our children was diagnosed with autism seven years ago," said Seahawks GM John Schneider. "We are thrilled that FEAT of WA is partnering with us to make "Ben's Fund" a reality."

The intent of establishing "Ben's Fund" at FEAT of WA is twofold: to not only provide grants to families to help them obtain services for their children on the spectrum, but also to drive families to FEAT of WA so that families will be connected to a larger community to receive ongoing guidance and assistance as they continue their journey with autism.

## About FEAT of Washington

Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Washington, provides families with hope and guidance to help their children with autism reach their full potential. We blend family and community resources into one dynamic nonprofit organization that offers programming for children ages 3-20 years of age and guidance to families.

Visit [www.featwa.org](http://www.featwa.org) to learn more.

## Ben's Fund Grant Eligibility

This grant was designed with minimal restriction in mind; our goal is to help a broad range of families, anyone who meets the following criteria may apply:

- You and your child must live in Washington State.
- Have a child birth - 18yrs with a documented autism spectrum diagnosis.
- You have need for financial assistance (low income or have extenuating circumstances).

## What will the grant cover?

Our goal is to relieve financial strain associated with your child's autism treatments. You may apply for anything from equipment to services that directly assist your child's autism treatment. Providing that the child's diagnosing Doctor, a current therapist, or special-ed teacher can recommend the specific service or equipment you are requesting.

Some examples of awarded requests:

### Equipment:

Therapy swings, trampolines, bikes, weighted blankets, pressure machines, sensory vests, communication devices & apps, listening systems, backyard fences, home security, personal GPS.

### Services:

Both center and in-home therapies; Occupational, Physical, Developmental, Behavioral, Speech, ABA, music, art, swimming. IEP evaluations, Psychologist appointments, further evaluations and testing, social groups, summer camps, therapist travel time.

*The possibilities are endless...*

### Items not covered:

Respite care, initial autism diagnostic appointments, personal travel to therapy appointments.

## How to Apply

Visit [www.featwa.org/grants](http://www.featwa.org/grants) and print of the IApplication Form & Instruction Page.

As you complete the application, please refer to the Instructions, since additional documentation is required, please submit:

1. A complete **Application Form**.
2. Copy of your current **Tax Return** (which indicates, adjusted gross income, child as a dependent, confirmation of Washington residency). Or current SSI document in the child's name works for those not filing taxes.
3. A **family Story**, explaining why you are applying and how a grant will benefit your family. Please include financial extenuating circumstances.
4. **Referral letter** from Dr/Therapist, signed and on business letter head, specifically recommending the requested item/s services for your child and how it will assist with their autism treatment. Service providers can not refer their own service.
5. **Diagnostic report**. Please provide if your referring provider is not the original diagnostic service provider. (Exemption: referral is from a center or excellence diagnostic clinic).
6. **Invoice** for service/equipment that you are requesting, indicating the exact price breakdown (include shipping & taxes) please provide name and address for check to be sent.
7. Please mail complete application pack to:  
**Attention: FEAT of WA/Ben's Fund**  
**PO Box 6159**  
**Bellevue, WA 98008**

Please note further documentation may be requested and submission does not guarantee award.



*"Thank you Ben's Fund for awarding my son a grant, he now has access to autism therapies that he so badly needs and would've otherwise gone without, thank you for making a difference!" Ben's Fund Recipient*