



Ben's Fund Autism Grant Instructions

Ben's Fund mission through FEAT of Washington is to provide grant opportunities to Washington state families, who need financial assistance with services and equipment specifically related to their child's autism spectrum disorder treatments.

To apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 per child, please complete the application along with the *Required Documents* listed below. **Only completed applications will be considered.**

Grant Eligibility

- Child must have a documented autism spectrum diagnosis
- Age of child must be 18 yrs. of age or younger at the time of application submission
- Your place of residence must be a Washington state address
- Have financial need, indicated by financial documents and extenuating circumstances
- The requested equipment or service must be directly related to the child's autism treatment
- If you have health insurance, you are still eligible for this grant

Required Documents Checklist

- Referral Letter:** Must be signed by a Doctor, Therapist or Special Ed Teacher. Letter must recommend the specific service/equipment requested, clearly stating how it will benefit the child's autism treatment. Must be written on service providers letterhead.
- Autism Diagnosis:** Please provide a copy of your child's official autism diagnosis.
- Family Story:** Not to exceed two pages, please share why you are applying for a grant, how it will assist your family financially and how the services or equipment will assist your child as an autism service or tool. Please include any extenuating family circumstances so that these may be considered.
- Financial Document:** A copy of your current 1040 tax return, must list child as a dependent. SSI document may be accepted if not filing taxes. Please redact all SSN's prior to submission.
- Invoice/Statement:** Please provide an itemized invoice including taxes and shipping in the total price, not to exceed \$1,000.
- Contact Information:** Please provide the retailer name and website where the equipment will be purchased. For services, we require details of whom to make the check out to if awarded.

Submit complete application to:

FEAT of WA, Attn: Ben's Fund
14434 NE 8th St. Suite #300, Bellevue, WA 98007
p. 425-223-5126 | f. 425-502-9310
email. bensfund@featwa.org | web. www.featwa.org

Additional information

- Preference will be given to families showing financial need, extenuating circumstances are considered.
- Items not covered under this grant: Respite, autism diagnostic appointments, travel expenses, medication (not administered by a physician), or previously purchased equipment.
- Once your application is received you will be notified. Please allow extra processing time for multiple equipment requests or missing/incomplete documentation. You will be contacted after the Ben's Fund Committee has reached a decision. Please allow a minimum of 30 days to process your application.
- If awarded, the amount will be determined by the Ben's Fund Committee. Families may apply once every 12 months from date of previous award, per child with autism.
- If awarded a Ben's Fund Grant, funds will go directly to the service provider, vendor or organization listed on the grant application. Funds will not be paid directly to the family. Once awarded your request cannot change.
- Ben's Fund does not facilitate the scheduling of services.
- For a list of Apple devices including iPads® eligible for this grant, please visit Featwa.org.

