



## Information for Private Scholarships and Grants- for Speech/Language Therapy

Any questions, please contact me:

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### First Hand Foundation

**ROLLING APPLICATIONS- APPLY NOW!!**

**Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month to review. You will hear within 2 weeks. Funding would be sent to PROVIDER, within 3 weeks of approval!**

Eligibility Criteria:

- The child must be 18 years of age or younger
- The child must be under the care of a pediatrician
- The case must involve a child with a specific health care need
- The request must be clinically relevant to the health of the child
- There must be no existing insurance coverage for the requested expenses
- One request per year, per child for a maximum of three times in a child's lifetime

Expenses covered:

- Treatment: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.
- Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.
- Displacement: Lodging (only if charitable housing is unavailable), gas (\$0.33 per mile), parking and transportation related to a child's care
- Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards

Where to apply: <https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/>  
816-201-1569

## **Small Steps in Speech**

***Need a speech/language evaluation no older than 2 years!***

***Next deadline- August 1***

- Children between 3 and 22 years of age at the time of the application deadline and families with a combined household income under \$125,000.
- When applying the child must be 3 years of age at the time of the application deadline (February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1).
- If applying for private speech therapy, the therapy provider and/or the therapist must be notified that the application has been made including their name(s) as providers and they must be licensed by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA).
- Grants are awarded for future therapies, materials and/or workshops and will not be available for reimbursement of previous expenditures.
- Applications are not accepted for ABA therapy or iPads.
- If the person nominating the applicant is not the parent or legal guardian, the parent or legal guardian must be notified by the person nominating the applicant.
- If the applicant has received a grant from SSIS, there is a one-year waiting period to reapply. This waiting period begins at the end of the existing contract.
- If a grant is denied, they can reapply the next calendar year unless proof that the need (financial, therapeutic, etc.) has changed, in which case they may reapply earlier.
- If applying for a grant toward an assistive technology device, a formal Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Evaluation from a qualified service provider must be included stating that different pieces of technology have been trialed & what equipment you are requesting. No award grants for iPads, but we do award grants for iPad software applications and an AAC Evaluation is required for software application requests.

### **Application Process**

- Application deadlines-**February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Applications must be received via email or fax before by 5:00 p.m. EST on the deadline day. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline day.**
- All supporting documents must be included with the application in order for the application to be considered. If any of the required documents have not been submitted, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be considered.
- The application must request a specific need in regards to a communication delay/disorder within the speech and language realm.
- Notification is sent to the person applying for the grant no later than 60 days after the application deadline.
- Grant funds are dispersed to professional service providers or vendors on behalf of the awarded individual in accordance with the contract requirements.

Where to apply: <http://www.smallstepsinspeech.org/grant-application>  
888-577-3267

## **Different Needz Foundation**

<http://www.differentneedzfoundation.org>

8584 E. Washington #122, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

(216) 904-5151

[info@differentneedzfoundation.org](mailto:info@differentneedzfoundation.org)

***GRANT DEADLINE IS JANUARY 1- Missed it for 2018. Apply for it for 2019 soon.***

The Different Needz Foundation, a 501(C)(3) charitable organization, was created in 2009 and was inspired by the life of Luke Jordan. Luke was born with developmental disabilities which caused many physical disabilities and medical conditions. Despite his disabilities, Luke was able to bring out the best in those who knew him.

**Many individuals with developmental disabilities; such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Down Syndrome, require regular physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and/or behavioral therapy.** Durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, and gait trainers may also be necessary to support and teach basic physical functions. Properly caring for an individual with developmental disabilities is extraordinarily expensive. Medical insurance usually covers only one third of the necessary therapy services and a limited amount of medical equipment per year. Many families are not financially able to obtain the additional therapy and/or equipment.

The Foundation defines “developmental disability” as a severe, chronic disability that:

- is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments,
- manifests before age ten,
- is likely to continue indefinitely,
- results in at least one developmental delay or an established risk, and
- causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special care, treatment, or provision of services for an extended period of time

The Different Needz Foundation helps individuals with developmental disabilities obtain the necessary equipment and medical services they need to have the best quality of life. Grant applications are made available in January of each year with grant decisions announced to award recipients in May. The Foundation considers future needs and provides payment for medical services or equipment directly to the provider.

## **Hannah and Friends**

***Deadline for application is June 1, 2018- go for it!***

Hannah and Friends provides funding for a program called **Hannah's Helping Hands** (HHH), which funds quality of life grants for families that care for children and adults with special needs in: **Florida**, Indiana (including the greater Michigan area), Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York.

Hannah and Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and adults with special needs. Maura and Charlie Weis founded Hannah & Friends in recognition of their daughter Hannah. The mission of Hannah & Friends is to improve the quality of life for children and adults with special needs.

We strive to raise awareness and compassion for all those with different abilities. Grant grant program, Hannah's Helping Hands, provides quality of life grants for families with individuals with developmental disabilities in Indiana, the Michiana area, New York, Rhode Island, **and Florida**.

**Hannah and Friends, 51250 Hollyhock Road, South Bend, IN 46637**

**574-217-7860**

**[www.hannahandfriends.org](http://www.hannahandfriends.org)**

### **Grant Applications**

**[www.hannahandfriends.org/resources/hannahs-helping-hands-grants/](http://www.hannahandfriends.org/resources/hannahs-helping-hands-grants/)**

**June 1, 2018 – Deadline for all 2018 applications**

# **ACT Today!**

***NO DEADLINE!!!! DO IT!***

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must have an immediate need for treatment/support and if treatment is not found, the applicant's physical safety is in jeopardy
- ACT Today! SOS Program will fund effective treatments and services to treat autism spectrum disorders and cannot fund living expenses, travel, utilities or clothing
- Income level of the applicant's family must be below \$45,000/year
- Applicant may not have received support from ACT Today! within the past 12 months of applying
- Grants based upon board review.

Visit website for application process: <http://www.act-today.org/SOS/>

## ACT Today! SOS Program Application Process:

Email: [SOSProgram@act-today.org](mailto:SOSProgram@act-today.org)

### **In your email, provide the following information\*:**

Name, address and age of applicant

Family Income as reported on the most recent tax forms

List the support requested and provider of request

Cost of the support requested (maximum \$5,000)

Up to a 200 word description of why the request is being made. Be sure to explain why your request requires immediate assistance and cannot wait for the next quarterly grant cycle.

“ACT Today!” will respond to your email within 2 weeks of it being sent either requesting more information or stating whether or not your request will move to the formal application stage. Should your request move to the formal application stage, you will be emailed an “ACT Today!” application, which will need to be completed in full and mailed back to us.

Once the application is received, a final decision and notification with regards to your request will be made within 2 weeks.

\*If you do not have access to email, please contact the grants department at 818-340-4010 or 877-9ACT-TODAY (877-922-8863) for further information.

# United Healthcare Children's Foundation

**DIDN'T SEE DEADLINE! So Go Go!**

Number: (855-698-4223)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Child must be 16 years old or younger
- Child must have a social security number
- Family must not exceed income criteria
  - \$50,000 or less for a family of 2
  - \$75,000 or less for a family of 3
  - \$100,000 or less for a family of 4
  - \$125,000 or less for a family of 5 or more
- Child must be covered by commercial/private health insurance. This includes insurance through private employer, small business plans, or plans offered through employment with a town, city, state or federal government. The child's coverage **cannot** be Medicaid, CHIP, or any publicly state funded medical insurance.
- Child is under the care of a licensed medical professional and family is applying for treatments/equipment/services prescribed by a Medical Doctor (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) or Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) for hearing conditions.
- For more information about eligibility visit: <https://www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/is-my-child-eligible/>
- Pays up to \$5000/year. Goes directly to health care professional.
- Exclusions: Listening Therapy/Hippotherapy/Equine therapy/Music Therapy/Social Skills.
- **BUT SPEECH THERAPY IS GOOD!**

To apply online:

[www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/](http://www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/)