

PLEASE NOTE: Applications will be awarded as long as funding is available. Applications will be kept eligible until the end of each calendar year. A family can only apply once per calendar year.

Only applications that are complete and legible with all required documentation included will be considered. We do not accept phone calls asking if applications have been received. As soon as the process is complete we will contact you by mail detailing whether you have been approved, denied, or we need more information.

Q: We have so many medical bills, we're having trouble paying the rent/electric/water/telephone bills. Can the Foundation help pay these types of bills?

The guidelines of this grant do not allow payment for anything other than bills or materials that are directly related to your child with autism. All approved grants are paid directly to the vendor and/or service provider. This may include tuition for specific classes, supplements/medication, medical evaluations, learning materials, testing, therapies, etc.

Q: I'm not sure if this request falls within the grant guidelines. Should I still send in an application?

Yes. If your request is for something other than NECESSITIES for your child with autism, it does not fall within the grant guidelines. Those questionable necessities will be determined by the Foundation board members.

Q: I have health insurance. Can I still apply for assistance?

Yes.

Q: How can I confirm that my application has been received?

You will receive a confirmation email when you submit your online application. When you mail your application, request delivery confirmation or a return receipt from the post office.

Q: Where do I mail my grant application?

If mailing, your application must be mailed to the Atwater, CA address shown on the application.

Q: Can I fax or email my grant application?

No, all applications must be submitted through this website or sent by mail.

Q: How do I know if my child qualifies for aid from the Carlos Vieira Foundation?

1. Birth to age 18 2. Merced Glenn, Stanislaus Butte, Madera Colusa, Mariposa El Dorado, Tuolumne Sutter, San Joaquin Yuba, Fresno Yolo, Sacramento Placer, Shasta Kings, Tehama Tulare, Kern 3. Diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or a note from your child's physician stating that further testing is recommended.

Q: Is there a maximum amount I can request?

The maximum amount we can award per child is \$500 per year.

Q: How do I apply for assistance from the Carlos Vieira Foundation for my child?

First, review the three basic criteria. If you meet these, then you must complete a GRANT APPLICATION. You must attach a letter from your child's physician that confirms your child's diagnosis. You must provide a copy of your most recent tax return for each parent/guardian. If you were not required to file a tax return, other proof of income is required.

Q: Are grant funds paid directly to families?

At no time are funds transferred to families. All grants awarded are paid directly to the vendor and/or service provider. This may include tuition for specific classes, supplements/medication, medical evaluations, learning materials, testing, therapies, etc. When filling out the grant application you must be VERY specific on the items needed, where to buy them and the estimated cost for each item. If money is requested for medically related bills, the billing information and amount is required.

Q: I've sent my application in. How long until I know if my application has been approved?

Approved applications will normally be given out within 60 days of receiving an application. Denied applications and/or applications that are incomplete will be notified by mail.

IMPORTANT: If you are requesting an electronic device such as a computer or iPad, you will need to attach a recommendation letter from an Assistive Technology Practitioner, Speech or Language Specialist or an Occupational Therapist that can explain how this device will help your child specifically with his/her autism.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: The Carlos Vieira Foundation is not responsible for any injury or accident (including any injury caused by negligence) that may occur with any of the awarded items associated with this Direct Grant program. The person(s) applying for this Direct Grant must assume full and complete responsibility for the proper use of grant awarded items.