

## 2019 Autism Diagnostic Assistance Program

The Autism Diagnostic Assistance Program provides scholarships for diagnostic testing to financially disadvantaged families with children between the ages of 12 months and 14 years of age.

We provide financial assistance ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 per child to help pay for the cost of diagnostic testing for Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Program Committee evaluates applications based a number of different criteria. For approved applications, the Committee selects the grant amount to be awarded based upon available funding and the demonstrated financial need of the eligible applicants. Awards are one time only.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance and provide relevant information for the committee to review.
2. Applicants must be the parent or legal guardian of the child, and the child must be between the ages of 12 months and 14 years of age.
3. Applicants must submit a complete application. If the family is seeking assistance for more than one child, a separate application must be submitted for each child.

### **Review Process:**

The Program Committee reviews applications on a rolling basis and selects a limited number of applicants to receive financial support scholarships. A member of the committee may contact you to request additional information or documentation if needed.

The time it takes for an application to be reviewed varies. However, if you have not been contacted within 2 weeks of submitting your application, you may request an update or confirmation that your application has been received.

All applicants will receive notice of the decision made on their application. Typically, a committee member will contact you at the e-mail or mailing address provided on your application to notify you of the committee's decision.

### **Award Acceptance Requirements:**

If you are selected to receive assistance, you will receive an award letter and an acceptance agreement, which must be read, signed, and returned.

You will also be asked to provide a photo of the scholarship recipient and grant KNOWAutism Foundation permission to use your child's photographic likeness in its publications, social media, website, fundraising materials, and/or other media. Recipients must also provide a thank you note or letter explaining how the award will impact your family.

All scholarship checks will be issued in the name of the provider or facility of your choice for your child's diagnostic assessment, as indicated on your application and agreement.

**Confidentiality of Personal Information:**

KNOWAutism Foundation values your trust and understands the importance of protecting your privacy. All applications and documentation provided will be maintained in confidence, in accordance with the Foundation's privacy practices.

Any Personal Health Information you provide will be considered confidential and will only be used or discussed as appropriately required in connection with the review of your application, provision of requested services, and the Foundation's work.

Some information provided in your application or award agreement may be anonymized and/or aggregated with other data for use in reports or publications for purposes such as reporting for donors/grants, outreach and awareness initiatives, or fundraising efforts in support of our mission. Except as outlined above, we will not use or disclose your personal information unless we receive your authorization and consent.



A Foundation for Children with Autism

**2019 AUTISM DIAGNOSTIC ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

**Full Name (Parent/Guardian):** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Suite/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Is it okay to leave a Voicemail?  Yes  No

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about KNOWAutism? \_\_\_\_\_

*Date of Application* \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD'S INFORMATION**

**Child's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please briefly describe the child and why you are seeking clinical evaluation for ASD. Include any information that you believe would be helpful for our consideration.*

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**Please list all additional sources of financial support your family is receiving, including any pending applications for assistance** (i.e. scholarships, grants, Medicaid, SSI, food assistance, child support, etc.)

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Have you previously been awarded a grant from KNOWAutism? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

*If yes, list year(s) and award amount(s)* \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else you would like for us to know?

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### SIGNATURE

*By signing this form, you certify that all answers provided are true and complete to the best of your knowledge. You also certify you have read and understand the eligibility requirements, review process, acceptance requirements, and statement on confidentiality provided with this application*

*By submitting this application and providing your personal information to us, you accept and agree to be contacted by a representative of the Foundation and to have your personal information used by the Foundation for the purposes of reviewing your application and/or providing requested services, in accordance with our privacy practices.*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Name (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

### SUBMISSION

Submit completed applications to [info@know-autism.org](mailto:info@know-autism.org) using a typed digital copy or *clear* scanned copy, or mail printed application to the address below:

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