

Family Support 2021-2022 Intake Letter

The Tennessee Family Support Program is a grant program, totally funded with state dollars and administered through the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD). This program provides a small amount of financial support to assist people (of all ages and income levels) with a severe lifelong disability to stay at home with their family or live as independently as possible. The 21/22 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

***** There is NO guarantee the Family Support Program will be funded from year to year since it is based upon the state legislature's yearly approval. This application is not a guarantee that a person will be approved for this fiscal year, or any future fiscal year (even if they have previously received assistance through the Family Support Program). Selection must be open to all persons applying each year, as if they have never applied before. Selection is based on priorities set by the local councils and applications are ranked according to these priorities once they are complete. *****

To be considered for the 2021-2022 grant, please submit the following required documents:

- 21/22 Family Support Intake Form** (4 pages, filled out completely – incomplete sections will delay review of your application)
- Proof of Disability** (Clearly stated diagnosis from a physician; for school age children with an IEP at school- please provide a copy of the most recent, full IEP; for young children enrolled in TEIS-please provide the most recent IFSP)
- Proof of Residency** (Current utility (gas, water, electric) bill - the bill may be in the family's name)
- Proof of Citizenship** (copy of legal birth certificate- not the hospital souvenir or mothers copy, OR proof of qualified alien status- current USCIS Document)
 - If the applicant has received the grant in previous years, we have this on file
- Social security card** - this is a new request beginning with the 21-22 fiscal year

These documents may be mailed, faxed, emailed, or hand delivered to our office. Please do not send these documents from screenshots taken with your phone, they have to be edited and converted to .pdf and typically do not come out clear enough.

Mail

Attn: Family Support
723 Emory Valley Rd.
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Fax

Attn: Family Support
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Once we have all the required documents, we will review the intakes and complete a checklist to determine the applicant's eligibility. We may reach out to you during this process if more information is needed.

PLEASE NOTE! Intakes will not be reviewed or considered for selection until all required documents have been received by our office.

We strive to notify families of their application status as quickly as possible. Turning in completed intakes and the required documents together speeds up our process. Our guidelines which are set by the state, declare we must notify applicants no later than the end of the first quarter in the fiscal year. You will receive notification of your application status by September 30, 2021 if not sooner. If you are applying after this date, we will notify you ASAP.

Assistance with Spanish interpretation is available.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Regina Wilson, Family Support Director